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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Department of Human Services
DOJ File No.: 100101 GA0126-25

Dear Mr. Haun:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.431. Your petition, dated September 11, 2025, seeks assistance from the Attorney General in obtaining records you requested from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

Your petition stems from a records request made by you to DHS on July 24, 2025, seeking records related to yourself. Your petition indicates that you received a letter from DHS "informing me that I may not obtain the records due to the fact I am not the person in the records being requested."

The letters to you from DHS include a disclaimer that DHS "can only release your own information to you." We discussed this disclaimer and your petition with Mallory Kenney, Public Records Unit Manager for DHS. Ms. Kenney explained that the disclaimer is a standard part of certain DHS response letters, and she indicated that DHS has not denied your request or withheld information on that basis at this time. She stated DHS is still processing your request and that DHS produced records to you on September 10, 2025, and September 12, 2025. Ms. Kenney also provided us with the correspondence associated with your request. We reviewed a letter from DHS to you dated September 12, 2025, that states "additional records are expected to be released on October 3, 2025."

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Because DHS has not actually denied your records request, we respectfully deny your petition. After DHS completes its response, you may, of course, file a new petition if you believe DHS has improperly withheld records from you.

Sincerely,

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