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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Department of Justice, Division of Child Support
DOJ File No.: 1370001-GA0001-26

Dear Mr. Reich:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your February 13, 2026, petition for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition challenges the Oregon Department of Justice, Division of Child Support's response to your records request.

Any person who has been denied the right to inspect or to receive a copy of any public records of a state agency may petition the Attorney General to determine whether the records may be withheld from public disclosure. *See* ORS 192.411(1). However, if the public records at issue are in the custody of an elected official, then "no petition to require disclosure may be filed with the Attorney General," and if a petition is filed, "it shall not be considered by the Attorney General * * *." ORS 192.427.

The Attorney General heads the Department of Justice,[1] which includes the Division of Child Support.[2] Because your petition seeks records in the custody of the Attorney General, an elected official, we lack jurisdiction to consider your appeal and must respectfully dismiss your petition.

Sincerely,

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[1] ORS 180.210
[2] ORS 180.345