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Re: ***Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order***
***Oregon Commission for the Blind Records***

Dear Ms. Taylor:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on March 10, 1994, asks the Attorney General to direct the Oregon Commission for the Blind to provide to you access to the following records:

> "REQUESTING ALL RECORDS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND, DIVISION 1-30, STATE AUTH:ORS CH. 183.346-192.505 NOTE:FULL TEXT:"

The Attorney General is charged by statute to make a ruling on petitions for disclosure of public records. However, before our office can make such a determination, we must be fully apprised of what records have been requested and denied. ORS 192.470 sets forth the form of petition which should be filed with the Attorney General when asking to have public records made available for inspection or production. The

petition form specifically refers to the name or description of each record. Your petition refers only to "ALL RECORDS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND." Your petition is too broad for us to determine the particular records of the Commission for the Blind that you requested or whether there was a denial of your request. Because your petition does not sufficiently name or describe the records that your have requested and been denied, we respectfully deny your petition.

Staff persons at the Commission for the Blind inform us that they have already agreed to make available to you any Commission records that concern you as a client of the agency. If you seek any other records of the Commission, you should identify these records specifically, so that the Commission can determine whether they are public records that are subject to disclosure. The Commission has a reasonable time to respond to a records request. See ORS 192.430(1). You should also be aware that if it is necessary for the Commission to segregate public from nonpublic public records, or to perform any kind of search to retrieve records or to copy records, you may be charged for the cost of these services. See ORS 192.440.

Sincerely,

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cc: Charles Young, Blind Commission