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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Department of Administrative Services
DOJ File No.: 100001-GA0250-26

Dear Mr. White:

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 seeks assistance from the Attorney General in obtaining a response to a request you sent to the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS). You asked ODHS to run an electronic records search for emails containing certain terms. ODHS responded by explaining that it cannot search its entire employee email database without custodian names. You declined to supply any custodian names. Your petition challenges ODHS's assertion that it cannot conduct the search you have requested.

After receiving your petition, ODHS reconsidered its position, and it now believes that it can conduct the search, but at a substantial cost. ODHS will be sending you a fee estimate for that work. For this reason, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN GUTMAN
Deputy Attorney General

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