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Re: Requestor Cover Note – Tex. Gov’t Code § 552.304 Comments

Requestor: Kevin Bass

TTUS File Nos.: 2025-812 & 2025-813 (OAG Tracking No. OR25053385)

Dear Attorney General Paxton:

I write as the requestor in TTUS File Nos. 2025-812 and 2025-813 to provide the enclosed § 552.304 comments regarding the Texas Tech University System’s November 18, 2025 request for a ruling.

My goal here is narrow: I am asking your Office to require TTUS to segregate and release non-privileged email-header metadata documenting how my Public Information Act and FERPA matters were handled, while still permitting TTUS to withhold any legitimately privileged material under Tex. Gov’t Code §§ 552.103, 552.107, and 552.111. I do not seek email bodies or attachment content.

As a former student and the subject of the underlying discipline-related records, I am trying to understand how TTUS and TTUHSC processed my requests and handled related communications. The metadata at issue is basic routing information—who communicated with whom, when, and about what subject—not litigation strategy.

I appreciate your Office’s role in balancing legitimate confidentiality interests with the Act’s presumption of openness and ask only that TTUS be required to meet the same standards of segregation and particularized justification that you apply in other cases.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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Requestor