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Dear Jason,

I am reaching out with two different requests on which I hope you and your staff can fairly easily provide assistance. Please let me know if anything is unclear so we can provide clarification promptly by phone or e-mail.

(1) Updated Public Records Act Request on OAH Hearing Decisions

First, we would like to update our prior Public Records Act Request, submitted on January 12, 2018, in which we requested (among other things) the outcomes of all Office of Administrative Hearings cases filed pursuant to the Lanterman Act from July 1999 to the present.

In response to our prior request, you sent us an Excel spreadsheet listing 20,023 cases that filed between 1998 and 2017. For each case, the file contained the following information: case number, case ID, date of filing, date closed, case issue, regional center, case narrative, case outcome (administratively closed, dismissed, withdrawn, denied, granted or split), informal hearing date, informal hearing decision, mediation date, mediation decision, and whether mediation was declined by regional center.

Well over a year has passed since you responded to that PRA request, and during this time, as you probably know, OAH has significantly updated the website on which it makes administrative hearing decisions available to the public. To bring our analysis up to date, we would like to request that you augment your response to our prior PRA request with the following: (1) any additional OAH cases filed since our prior PRA request, and (2) any OAH cases that were inadvertently omitted from your response to our prior PRA request. You are welcome to either augment your prior spreadsheet or provide us with a new, comprehensive spreadsheet (whichever is easier for you).

To minimize the burden on your staff as well as the time required to comply with this request, we have attached two files to this e-mail for your reference:

- A) Our prior PRA request in PDF format, called "Past PRA Request (Jan. 12 2018)"; and
- B) An excel spreadsheet called "Response to Jan. 12 2018 PRA Request" with the following four files in separate tabs: (1) "**Past PRA cases thru 2010**", containing all

cases from *before 1/1/2011* included in your response to our prior PRA request; (2) **“Past PRA cases post-2010,”** including all cases *since 1/1/2011* included in your response to our prior PRA request; (3) **“Past PRA cases on web,”** including all cases included in your response to our prior PRA request for which we found written opinions on OAH’s website(s); and (4) **“Cases on web but not PRA,”** including all cases we found on OAH’s website(s) that were *not* included in your responses to our prior PRA request.

To sum up, we are requesting information on *all* cases pertaining to the Lanterman Act filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings from July 1999 through today (August 8, 2019) which, per sections 4714(b) and 4712.5(d) of the Lanterman Act, are required to be compiled and made available to the public by the Department. As before, we would like to receive this information in the form of an Excel spreadsheet, with each row corresponding to a case, and the following characteristics included as columns:

1. Case ID
2. Date of filing
3. Date closed
4. Case issue
5. Regional Center
6. Case narrative
7. Case outcome (administratively closed, dismissed, withdrawn, denied, granted, or split)
8. Informal Hearing Date
9. Informal Hearing Decision
10. Mediation Date
11. Mediation Decision
12. Whether or not the mediation was declined by regional center

(2) Short clarifying question on case outcomes and published opinions:

In addition to the information above, we would very much appreciate clarification on **which types of case outcomes result in published opinions**. Specifically, we would appreciate clarification on whether each of the following six case outcomes *always, sometimes, or never* result in published opinions: (1) Denied; (2) Granted; (3) Split; (4) Administratively closed; (5) Dismissed; and (6) Withdrawn.

Thanks so much for your help! And again, please don’t hesitate to ask for clarification if any is needed.

