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Mr. Zhaocheng Anthony Tan  
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Re: Open Records Request dated September 18, 2018

Dear Mr. Tan:

Our office received an Open Records Request from you, via email, on September 18, 2018, requesting the following:

- 1) Any and all reciprocity agreements, between the State of Georgia and any other State, that are currently in effect and pertain to the recognition of another State's weapon or firearm or similar license or permit in the State of Georgia. The attached [to the email] document "PA-GA-Reciprocity-Agreement.pdf" is an example of a document that meets this criterion.
- 2) Any and all documents created by, at the direction of, or for, the Office of the Attorney General dated January 1, 1996 or later that includes an interpretation of O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126(e). The attached [to the email] document "GA Opinion 97-27.pdf" is an example of a document that meets this criterion.

Currently, the State of Georgia is actively under formal reciprocity agreements, such as the type you requested, with four states: Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas. I have included the agreements with Kentucky (4 pages), Tennessee (4 pages), and Texas (3 pages); they are being provided to you at no cost as a courtesy. The Pennsylvania agreement you included with your letter is current, so we did not include another copy of that agreement.

Your second request is ambiguous and quite broad; it is not clear exactly what you are seeking, beyond Opinions of the Attorney General. After reviewing both official and unofficial opinions, there are no opinions concerning an interpretation of O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126(e), other than the one you included with your letter. Regarding other documents that our office has that may meet your requested criteria, a search of our electronic documents and archived emails for "O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126(e)" indicates there are 53 documents and 282 emails that would need to be reviewed to determine their relevancy to your request. Pursuant to state retention schedules, we do not

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have emails prior to 2010. There is also at least one case file concerning O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126(e), but more may be uncovered in the document review.

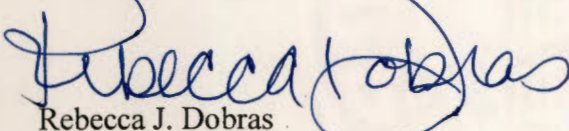
We will be charging for copies of documents at a rate of \$.10 per page as allowed under the Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71(c)(d), and a reasonable charge for searching and retrieval as specified below. We will bill for search and retrieval time at the lowest rate for a person who could make the search, but I, or another attorney, will have to conduct the final review to make the legal determination of whether the documents would be subject to exemption pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(41) or (42), or whether they contain personal identifying information subject to redaction under O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(20). We will not charge for the first quarter hour of searching should you elect to proceed. O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71(c)(1).

We estimate that the initial review of the documents and emails identified above will take approximately 15-20 hours. This initial review can be done by someone other than an attorney and that time will be billed at \$20.00 per hour. A final review made by myself or another attorney to determine if the material is exempt as attorney/client privilege or work product, or is otherwise privileged, will take approximately 2 to 3 hours. My time will be billed at \$37.00 per hour.

As the estimated costs for production of the records exceeds \$500.00, prepayment of the costs is required prior to beginning the search. We will wait to hear how you wish for us to proceed. Be advised that attorney/client privilege and the work product exception may be applicable to items as we identify them, and documents will also be redacted if they contain personal identifying information subject to redaction and the exemptions mentioned above.

Please let us know how you wish to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebecca J. Dobras", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Rebecca J. Dobras  
Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosures