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Sent via email AFast@npr.org **NPR** 1111 North Capitol Street NE Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Fast:

Regarding your September 23, 2021 public records request, the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board) does not possess a record with the information you requested. However, attached is an extract of data from the Ohio eLicense database displaying the data fields you indicated, to the extent available. This data is current as of September 28, 2021.

The attached Excel sheet captures the following data points:

- Name of applicant (first, middle, last) (column A)
- City of residence (column B)
- State of residence (column C)
- License type: RN or LPN and License duration: Temporary or permanent¹ (column D)
- Application type, e.g.: (column E)
 - o Initial licensure by examination
 - o Initial licensure by reciprocity/endorsement
 - o Renewal of license²
- Date of initial application submission (column G)
- License/application status as of date this request is processed (e.g., active, pending, denied, etc.) (column H)³
- License issue date (if approved as of date this request is processed) (column I)
- License expiration date (if approved as of date this request is processed) (column J)

¹ Unless otherwise designated as "Temporary" (IR for Registered Nurses) or (IP for Practical Nurses) the license is "permanent". Permanent does not imply that the license is not otherwise subject to renewal requirements, or revocation or other disciplinary processes.

² See information on page two regarding renewal.

³ "Closed" means: (a) the license application was not completed by the applicant (abandoned or withdrawn); (b) the application was denied; or (c) if a temporary permit (IR or IP) was issued, the permit was closed in order to issue a permanent reciprocity license. "Active" means the license is current/valid. "Inactive" means the license is not current/valid because (a) the license lapsed due to non-renewal; (b) the licensee made the license inactive; (c) the licensee is deceased; (d) disciplinary action resulted in license suspension or revocation. "Submitted" means the applicant paid the license fee and completed the online application but the license has not been issued yet. "In review" means the application was submitted, but may be incomplete and is currently being processed.

The Ohio eLicense database does not currently capture the following data point you requested:

Date when all required application documents received, if later than initial application date

Regarding "renewal of license", the Excel sheet shows all new RN and LPN license applications submitted to the Board between January 1, 2019 and September 28, 2021. Any renewals of those licenses that occurred between the application submission date and September 28, 2021, are reflected in the data. Licenses are subject to biennial renewal by October 31 of odd years for RNs and even years for LPNs. Thus, for example, in row 48,689, the RN license issued 9/20/2019 will expire 10/31/2021. In row 48,494, the RN has already renewed the license as the expiration date is now 10/31/2023. To summarize, the attached data reflects all license renewals for the licensee population you requested that occurred during the relevant time period.

The data does not show the reactivation or reinstatement dates of licenses, issued between January 1, 2019 and September 28, 2021, that may have been inactivated and then reactivated, or suspended and then reinstated, during that time period.

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Board of Nursing. This completes your public records request response.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Excel sheet