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Anne L. Head Commissioner

January 26, 2017

Via Electronic Mail Only: jcharron@preti.com

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Re: Request for Agency Policy or Procedure Applicable to Freedom of Access Act Requests

- Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

Dear Mr. Schutz:

I serve as public access officer pursuant to the Maine Freedom of Access Act for the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation. This letter serves to acknowledge receipt of your request dated January 25, 2017. Your request is governed by Maine's Freedom of Access Act ("FOAA"), 1 M.R.S. §§ 400 – 414.

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation does not currently maintain separate policies and procedures for complying with and responding to records requests; as such provisions are defined and governed by the Public Records and Proceedings provisions of Title One of the Maine Revised Statutes. I am attaching a 2014 Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary with a Summary of State Agency FOAA Administration for your review. Please note, information regarding the Office of Professional and Financial Regulation may be found on Page 5, under the header "Department of Professional & Financial Regulation."

All requests received by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, and governed by FOAA are timely acknowledged; we then conduct a diligent search for responsive documents within the scope of the request; review applicable documents for information/records that pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 402(3)(A) have been designated confidential; redaction of any record determined to be an exception of the same. If any responsive document or information is withheld from production, the requestor is so notified with applicable statute situs. Otherwise, the requestor is provided with a Notice of Response and all responsive documents.

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation does maintain an annual excel spreadsheet for the purposes of tracking requests and responses to the same. Attached please

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find a sample of the spreadsheet used.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Lord

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Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Anne Head, Esq., Commissioner

Douglas Dunbar, Legislative Liaison

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