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Ms. Karen M. Lucas
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RE: FOIA Pre-Approval Request – No. 2010005393

Dear Ms. [REDACTED] and Ms. Lucas:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from Metra of its intent to deny portions of [REDACTED] Freedom of Information Act request under subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b). The information sought to be redacted under this exemption are the vehicle identification numbers of the vehicles involved, the vehicles' insurance policy account numbers, and Mr. Veselinovic's date of birth.

As a result of this review, we have determined that it is **appropriate** for the public body to redact the individual's **date of birth** and the **vehicle insurance policy numbers** from the requested record under subsection 7(1)(c) because the information is personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Thus, Metra's request to assert the exemption under 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) in these particulars is hereby **approved**.

As a further result of this review, we have determined that it is **not appropriate** for Metra to decline to disclose the vehicles' **vehicle identification numbers** under subsection 7(1)(c). The release of a vehicle identification number is not deemed to be highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person, and in our opinion would not appear to outweigh a legitimate public interest in this information. Thus, Metra's request

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to redact the vehicle identification numbers of the vehicles in question is hereby **denied**, and that information, should, accordingly, be released without further inquiry.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (217) 558-0486. This letter shall serve to close this file.

Sincerely,

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