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Ms. Karen Lucas
FOIA Officer
Metra
547 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60661

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 7897
Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Lucas:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from Metra of its intent to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). This letter is to advise you that your request is approved.

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The exemption defines “[u]nwarranted invasion of personal privacy” as “the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information.” *Id.*

Determination

Metra’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(c) with regard to dates of birth is approved. We have determined that the disclosure of this information would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person. The subjects’ right to privacy in these personal details outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining this information. Therefore, the disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

If you have any questions, please call our office at 1-877-299-FOIA (3642). This letter shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

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Deputy Public Access Counselor

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