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January 18, 2024

Via email at Tyla Gallino

> RE: Public Record Matter Involving the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Our File No. 20241010

Dear Ms. Gallino:

This letter is in response to your email received by this office on January 8, 2024, in which you requested the assistance of the Attorney General in obtaining certain public records from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). We construed your email to be a petition under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.03(1)(b) of the Nebraska Public Records Statutes (NPRS), Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 to 84-712.09 (2014, Cum. Supp. 2022). On January 9, we forwarded your email to Jaclyn L. Klintoe, Associate General Counsel/Director of University Records, and requested a response.

It is our understanding that Ms. Klintoe contacted you about your records request<sup>1</sup> on January 11, and advised that, to the extent available, responsive records may be obtained from the Board of Educational Lands and Funds (BELF), not UNL. Ms. Klintoe informs us that you responded to her email and indicated you would be filing a request with BELF.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Your specific request, emailed to <u>agrohort@unl.edu</u> on December 10, 2023, sought "a digital copy of all documentation and records used to create this graph, and what state does this graph represent?" A graph, entitled "Cost of Controlling Eastern redcedar on Public School Lands (dollars)," was attached to your request.

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Since UNL is not the custodian of the requested records, and you will be submitting a new records request to BELF, you have not been denied access to public records. Thus, no further action by this office is necessary and we are closing this file.

Sincerely,

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c: Jaclyn L. Klintoe (via email only)

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