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March 18, 2024

Via email at [REDACTED]  
Chad Humphrey

RE: *Petition for Reconsideration of File No. 20241013*  
Our File No. 20241048

Dear Mr. Humphrey:

This letter is in response to the petition you emailed to this office on March 7, 2024. You have requested that we reconsider our decision in File No. 20241013, issued January 31, 2024, in which we concluded that the University of Nebraska (University) could withhold responsive email and hiring information under the exception in § 84-712.05(8) of the Nebraska Public Records Statutes (NPRS), Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 to 84-712.09 (2014, Cum. Supp. 2022). In your petition, you assert that the denial of the requested records may not be justified since the records directly relate “to an investigation into alleged workplace harassment” and “go beyond routine personnel information.” You ask us “to consider the broader context of transparency and accountability in matters of workplace safety.” You further assert that while “[t]he closure of University offices may have contributed to the delay” in the University’s response to your request, “efforts should have been made to expedite the response given the gravity of the situation.”

For your information, § 84-712.03(1)(b) of the NPRS requires the Attorney General to determine whether a record may be withheld from public inspection or whether the records custodian has complied with the NPRS. As we informed you in our January 31 letter, we do not consider the reason or purpose for a records request when making our determination. In this respect, the 2021 email thread you provided us has no bearing on whether the University may withhold records found to be responsive to your public records request. In the present case, Ms. Klintoie represented that certain email and the hiring paperwork for Dr. Campbell contained personal information regarding personnel of public


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bodies and, on that basis, we concurred with the University's withholding under § 84-712.05(8).

Accordingly, your petition for reconsideration is denied. If you disagree with our findings set out in this letter, or our January 31, 2024, letter, you have the option under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.03 to pursue this matter in a court of law.

Sincerely,

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