



April 18, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Mike Cincotta

Ryan

Email: Mike.Cincotta@ryan.com

RE: 19-FOIA-078 Request for Unclaimed or Outstanding Checks

Dear Mr. Cincotta:

We are in receipt of your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (“FOIA”)

I. Background

On March 20, 2019, we received your request for 1) copies of unclaimed or outstanding checks issued by our office for \$500 and over for the past five years, including the names, dates, last addresses, and amounts due to each payee; please exclude the checks that have been escheated to the state unclaimed property office. 2) any instructions or claim forms needed to request check be reissued to the original payee (“Request”) In your Request, you stated that a list, instead of actual copies would be acceptable. Your Request is granted in part and denied in part.

II. Responsive Document

In response to your Request, Metra’s Office of Financial Affairs advises that the following checks are currently listed as unclaimed:

Name of Payee	Issue Date	Check No.	Check Amount	Last Known Address
	07/18/2017			7(1)(b)
	08/28/2018			7(1)(b)

(“Responsive Document”)

With regard to reissuing unclaimed checks, the payee (or their Estate) should contact Metra’s Human Resources department to ensure that the correct mailing address and any other necessary/pertinent information is on file, and request that the check be reissued.

III. Partial Denial

While FOIA requires public bodies to provide access to public records generally, FOIA also authorizes units of government to withhold certain information. Therefore, Attorney Keith Pardonnet has determined the home address of the parties mentioned in the Responsive Document are redacted because they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA, which exempts “private information.”

“Home address” is specifically mentioned within the definition of “private information” found in Section 2(c-5) of FOIA.

IV. Right of Review

You have the right to have the partial denial of your Request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

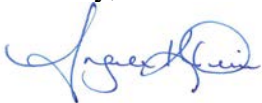
Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this partial denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this partial denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial denial by filing a lawsuit in the circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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