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Re: Modified Request for Information Related to the Collection of Legal Financial Obligations

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Dear Ms. Happold,

I am writing to request public records concerning the collection of legal financial obligations in Washington. This information will not be used for commercial purposes. We are also asking that this request be fulfilled in a machine-readable format, or a format that can be easily uploaded to an SQL database.

For the purposes of this request "legal financial obligations" or "LFOs" means fines, fees, penalties, assessments, recoupment, and costs imposed as a result of conviction for a crime in Washington state. LFOs include, but are not limited to: restitution, the victim penalty assessment, the DNA collection fee, court costs, criminal filing fees, the costs of public defense, jury fees, witness fees, costs of jail or prison, time-payment fees, clerk's collection fees, and interest.

We therefore request the following regarding district and municipal courts for the time period of 1994-2016:

1) Names of collection agencies assigned and/ or contracted to collect LFOs for all district and municipal courts.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to your estimate of the time to fulfill this request and the cost associated with it.

Sincerely,

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