

UNT SystemTM

Office of General Counsel

July 27, 2026

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Honorable Ken Paxton
Attorney General of Texas
ATTN: Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Re: Request for Open Records Ruling
UNT Public Information Request No. 1551

Dear General Paxton:

On July 13, 2026, the University of North Texas System Public Information Program ("System") received a request for communications in the possession of the University of North Texas interim Vice President and Provost of Academic Affairs that mention "Abbott, Critical, Equity, Queer, [and] Sexual" over a specified period. *See* Enclosure 1. The System requests an open records letter ruling concerning whether certain information responsive to the request is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.

The System submits that certain information responsive to this request is excepted from public disclosure under Texas Government Code (the "Code") sections 552.107 (attorney-client privilege) and 552.111. A complete brief explaining why these exceptions apply and representative samples of information the System believes are excepted from disclosure will be provided in accordance with section 552.301 of the Code.

Please contact me at (940) 565-4118 or renaldo.stowers@untsystem.edu if you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

Respectfully,



Renaldo Stowers
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Requestor

TEXAS SCORECARD

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7/13/2026

From:
Texas Scorecard

To:
University of North Texas

This letter ("Document Request") shall serve as a public information request under the Texas Public Information Act, Tex. Gov't Code §552.001 et seq., for copies of records in their *original (electronic/paper) format*. We agree to mandatory redactions. We do not agree to discretionary exceptions.

REQUESTED RECORDS:

1/1/2025 -- Present

- Communications in the possession of the following individuals: Dr. Albert Bimper.
 - That mentions Abbott, Critical, Equity, Queer, Sexual

Communications includes but is not limited to emails, text messages, messages on social media, Slack or whatever other internal messaging services your government uses, postal mail, and/or handwritten notes. This includes all email addresses and smartphones used by any or all of these parties for official business, whether they are personal or government owned.

Please provide text messages, including messages on any text messaging application used by the custodian including but not limited to, iMessage, Google Messages, SMS, Facebook Messenger, Confide, Signal, WhatsApp, Dust, Threema, Telegraph, or other similar messaging application, in the possession of any of the following individuals:

Dr. Albert Bimper.

Please provide the metadata, including all file attachments, associated with the incoming and outgoing email logs for the following individuals, showing the metadata associated with the correspondence, including the to, from, cc, date and time, and subject fields but not the body of the email. Please also

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provide any attachments to emails. An example of a similar FOIA that was completed, although with inappropriately truncated fields, can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ywpph5vm>

Dr. Albert Bimper.

We request a waiver of all fees as we are a 501(c)3 non-profit news media organization, and the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the University of North Texas. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Texas Public Information Act requires that you "promptly produce" the requested records unless, within 10 days, you have sought an Attorney General's Opinion. If you expect a significant delay in responding to this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Texas Scorecard

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