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**To:** [Kron Michael C](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: July Meeting - please note new time and location  
**Date:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 11:07:39 AM  
**Attachments:** [Sunshine Committee Draft Proposal re Contact Information Exemptions \(EGE edits\).docx](#)

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Hi, Michael:

I will be at meetings in Dallas (yes, Texas) during the week of July 15-20, so will be unable to attend the meeting. I may be able to call in, but I don't know that I will be able to get away for that long. I'll try.

We did not have a chance to discuss, in a broad sense, the testimony that was offered at our last meeting regarding personal privacy exemptions, so I want to raise this issue for larger discussion in case I'm unable to attend the meeting.

As may have been clear by the questions I asked to some who provided testimony, I have great concern that the personal privacy protections that are currently provided to public employees through various exemptions not be weakened by changes to the law.

We had a couple of people testify at our last meeting that employee home addresses and other personal contact information should be made freely available upon request, essentially just because they are public employees. But employees in the private sector are not required to make this information public. This is an unreasonable expectation to place on those who work in the public sector. The recommendation you drafted takes into consideration personal safety protections, which I agree with, but in my opinion an employee should not have to claim that they fear their safety in order to keep their personal and family information private from union organizers or anyone else who asks their employer to provide it.

To that end, attached is my suggested edit to your recommendation to the Legislature regarding personal privacy exemptions.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

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To: Oregon Sunshine Committee Members  
From: Michael Kron, Oregon Sunshine Committee Chair  
Re: Discussion draft of a proposal concerning exemptions for personal contact information.  
Date: June 20, 2018

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The Sunshine Committee recommends that the legislature eliminate the numerous existing exemptions that protect contact information only of specific classes of individuals. Those should be replaced with a single, stand-alone exemption that treats personal contact information consistently. The legislature should ensure that the exemption adequately protects the contact information of individuals who would be endangered by having their contact information disclosed, [and that public employees are afforded the same privacy protections for their personal information as employees in the private sector.](#) Otherwise, the legislature should strike a balance that generally protects the personal privacy of Oregonians while still allowing legitimate uses of the information in the public interest.