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Via Email

Massachusetts Department of Transportation ATTN: William Doyle, Records Access Officer MassDOT.RAO@state.ma.us

Re: Public Records Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to M.G.L., c. 66, § 10, the Massachusetts Public Records Law, the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, Inc. ("ACLUM") hereby makes a request for the following records:

All data, including statistical information, collected from any Massachusetts Uniform Citation issued in the Commonwealth between October 1, 2014 and the present, regarding the following information:

- 1. Identifying characteristics of the individuals who received a warning, citation, or who were arrested.
  - a. This should include the race, age, and gender of the individual;
- 2. Residence (limited to city and state) of individual;
- 3. The infraction(s) (including violation number and description) and citation number;
- 4. Time and location of the stop;
- 5. Whether a search was initiated as a result of the stop;
- 6. Whether contraband was recovered;
- 7. Link to arrest report if any;
- 8. Officer ID; and
- 9. Whether the stop resulted in a warning, citation (including type), or arrest.

We ask that you waive any copying costs pursuant to 950 C.M.R. 32.06(5), which encourages all custodians of public records to "waive fees where disclosure would benefit the public interest." It is important for the public not to continually have access to data that was collected pursuant to Chapter 228 of the Acts of 2000. The pending changes to Massachusetts Uniform Citation data collection requirements make it necessary that this information be made publicly available for analysis. In addition to responding to this request we encourage the Massachusetts Department of Transportation make this data publicly available online on the Massachusetts Department of Transpiration web site or comparable online platform.

As you know, a custodian of public records shall permit inspection or furnish a copy of any requested public record, or any segregable portion of a public record, no later than ten business days following receipt of the request. To the extent possible, we ask to receive any documents in electronic format.

Should you withhold some portions of the requested documents on the grounds that they are exempt from disclosure, please specify which exemptions apply and release any portions of the records for which you do not claim an exemption.

If you have questions about this request, please contact me at (617) 482-3170 ext. 394 or <a href="mailto:rhall@aclum.org">rhall@aclum.org</a>. Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Rahsaan D. Hall, Esq.