



COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OF RHODE ISLAND

Office of the General Counsel

September 3, 2020

Sent Via Email

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Re: Access to Public Records Act Request – mileage reports for personal use of the president’s state/college-owned Ford Taurus between 2/1/16 – 12/31/19
Dated: 7/21/20 and Received: 7/22/20

Dear Sir or Madam:

The College responds to your above-cited public records request as follows:

All mileage reports and records of reimbursement to the college for personal use of the president's state/college-owned Ford Taurus dated between Feb 1, 2016 and Dec 31, 2019.

Since the presidents of the state colleges are exempted from reimbursement requirements regarding commuting (personal) use of state/college owned vehicles, the College does not have or maintain the requested reimbursement records.

Under applicable Rhode Island policy/regulations, as well as applicable federal IRS Regulations, commuting use is considered permissible personal use of an employer provided vehicle, and the imputed value of such personal use of the vehicle is taxable for income and social security purposes. As such, the R.I. Annual Usage for State Vehicles Forms (Form A-51A) are used to report such vehicle use. Copies of these forms, which are in accord with these regulations and which are responsive to your request, are enclosed. Please note that information in these documents that constitutes “[p]ersonnel and other personal individually-identifiable records otherwise deemed confidential by federal or state law or regulation, or the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 et seq.;...” and “[t]rade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person, firm, or corporation which is of a privileged or confidential nature”, which are exempted from disclosure under the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act (“APRA”), has been redacted.¹

¹ See R.I.G.L. § 38-2-2(4)(A)(I)(b) and §38-2-2(4)(B).

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Lastly, to the extent that this response could in any way be considered a denial of your request, please note that in accordance with R.I. General Laws §38-2-8 you may appeal this determination to Dr. Meghan Hughes, President, Community College of Rhode Island, the R.I. Department of Attorney General, or the R.I. Superior Court for the county in which the records are maintained.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald A. Cavallaro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ronald A. Cavallaro
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