Open Records Counsel confirms to me that EDGE was told it cannot charge, and names the next step, November 18, 2026

From: Open.Records@cot.tn.gov
To: Rachel Hurley
Date: November 18, 2026, 10:18 AM Central
Subject: RE: Regarding Inquiry 022448 to the Office of Open Records Counsel
Attachment: Follow-Up.pdf

Hi Ms. Hurley,

Please see the attached email sent to Dr. Massey a moment ago.

Thanks!
Toni

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Subject: Re: Regarding Inquiry 022448 to the Office of Open Records Counsel

Hey Toni,

To be clear, my understanding is that they were told they could not charge me?

Thanks for your help with this matter!

Rachel

From: Open.Records@cot.tn.gov
To: Rachel Hurley
Date: November 18, 2026, 1:53 PM Central
Subject: RE: Regarding Inquiry 022448 to the Office of Open Records Counsel

Ms. Hurley,

That’s correct, as I communicated to Dr. Massey both through a phone conversation and through the email I attached to you earlier.

Thanks,
Toni

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That is what I thought - I just wanted to make sure I did not misread anything.

Now that this is clarified, if they still try to block me, is my only option to take them to court?

Rachel

From: Open.Records@cot.tn.gov
To: Rachel Hurley, Open.Records@cot.tn.gov
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Subject: RE: Regarding Inquiry 022448 to the Office of Open Records Counsel

Ms. Hurley,

Essentially, yes. The next step would be to file suit pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-505 for enforcement of the TPRA.

Thanks,
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