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Subject: FOIA Appeal – Redaction of PII from BOR Minutes (FOIA Request 2025-07)
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Dear Mr. Buckman,

I am writing to formally submit my FOIA appeal regarding City Clerk Kim Berry's March 17, 2025, denial of my March 7, 2025, request for the redaction of my personal identifying information (PII) from the City of Gladstone's online Board of Review (BOR) minutes.

Attached is my appeal letter, submitted under **MCL 15.240(1)(a)**, detailing the legal and factual basis for reversing the denial. I respectfully request that the City reverse its denial and take the necessary steps to protect my privacy, as outlined in the appeal. If the City does not reverse the denial within **10 business days (by April 4, 2025, per MCL 15.240(2))**, I may pursue all legal remedies available to me.

Please confirm receipt of this email and attachment by reply to gkovalainen@gmail.com. Should you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me at gkovalainen@gmail.com or **906-420-1666**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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