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## OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

Dear Mr. Gregg,

The Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (Clerk's Office) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the amount collected from bond processing fees in fiscal year 2019.

Please note that as officers of the judicial branch of the government of the State of Illinois, the Illinois Clerks of the Courts are not subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. [See *Newman v. Brown*, 915 N.E.2d 782 (1st Dist. 2009); *the Copley Press, Inc. v. Administrative Office of the Courts*, 648 N.E.2d 324, 271 Ill.App.3d 548, 207 Ill.Dec. 868 (Ill. App. 2 Dist. 1995); *Kane v. Carlson*, 140 Ill.App.3d 814, 818-19, 489 N.E.2d 467, 95 Ill. Dec. 246 (2d Dist. 1986)]. While not subject to FOIA, the Clerk's Office is required to comply with its obligations under the Clerks of the Courts Act 705 ILCS 105/1 *et seq.* and the Local Records Act 50 ILCS 205/3a, with respect to public funds and public records.

With regard to your particular request, the amount collected from bond processing fees in fiscal year 2019 was \$1,202,368.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. Thank you.

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### Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County to serve the citizens of Cook County and the participants in the judicial system in an efficient, effective and ethical manner. All services, information and court records will be provided with courtesy and cost efficiency.