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- 1. the reasons for the denial:
- 2. the legal authority for the denial; and
- 3. notice of the remedies under this Part III of this subtitle for review of the denial; and
- (iii) permit inspection of any part of the record that is subject to inspection and is reasonably severable.
- (4) With the consent of the applicant, any time limit imposed under this subsection may be extended for not more than 30 days.
- (C) (1) EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE GRANT OF AN APPLICATION IS RELATED TO THE STATUS OF THE APPLICANT AS A PERSON IN INTEREST AND EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY OTHER LAW OR REGULATION, THE CUSTODIAN MAY NOT CONDITION THE GRANT OF AN APPLICATION ON:
 - (I) THE IDENTITY OF THE APPLICANT:
- (II) ANY ORGANIZATIONAL OR OTHER AFFILIATION OF THE APPLICANT; OR
- $\left(\text{III} \right)$ A DISCLOSURE BY THE APPLICANT OF THE PURPOSE FOR AN APPLICATION.
- (2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE AN OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN FROM CONSIDERING THE IDENTITY OF THE APPLICANT, ANY ORGANIZATIONAL OR OTHER AFFILIATION OF THE APPLICANT, OR THE PURPOSE FOR THE APPLICATION IF:
- (I) THE APPLICANT CHOOSES TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION FOR THE CUSTODIAN TO CONSIDER IN MAKING A DETERMINATION UNDER \$ 10–618 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR
- (II) \pm THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED A WAIVER OF FEES PURSUANT TO \S 10–621(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND OR
- $\frac{2+}{2+}$ (III) THE IDENTITY OF THE APPLICANT, ANY ORGANIZATIONAL OR OTHER AFFILIATION OF THE APPLICANT, OR THE PURPOSE FOR THE APPLICATION IS MATERIAL TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH $\S~10-621(E)(2)$ OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (3) CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBSECTION, AN OFFICIAL MAY REQUEST THE IDENTITY OF AN APPLICANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTACTING THE APPLICANT.

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(a) (1) Unless otherwise provided by law, if a custodian believes that inspection of a part of a public record by the applicant would be contrary to the public interest, the custodian may deny inspection by the applicant of that part, as provided in this section.