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Ms. Rebecca Binstock  
Executive Director  
North Dakota Ethics Commission  
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 195  
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Dear Director Binstock:

I have received your request for "any and all email communications" from January 2016 to March 2022 within the state legislative account of Representative Jason Dockter which relate to: (1) C.J. Schorsch, Stealth Properties, LLC, or Parkway Property Management, LLC; (2) the lease and renovation of the building located at 1720 Burlington Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota; (3) Senate Bill No. 2003 (2019); and (4) House Bill No. 1003 (2021).

Under North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-18.6, the following records of the Legislative Council and legislators are not subject to disclosure:

- A record of a purely personal or private nature.
- A record that is Legislative Council work product or is Legislative Council-client communication.
- A record that reveals the content of communications between a member of the Legislative Assembly and any person.

While we recognize the authority granted to the Ethics Commission under Article XIV of the North Dakota Constitution, without additional details regarding the nature of the request and not having consulted with Representative Dockter relating to either a waiver of the provisions of Section 44-04-18.6 or of legislative privilege, we are obligated to respect the privacy of the records absent a waiver from Representative Dockter or a subpoena and an explanation of why legislative privilege would not apply.

Sincerely,

John Bjornson  
Director

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