

Via email only

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Dear Ms. Ness and Director Grabowska:

On September 27, 2022, the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee provided the State Auditor's report relating to the lease agreement and remodeling and construction costs of the Attorney General's facility located at 1720 Burlington Drive, Bismarck, to the Attorney General for additional investigation. Additionally, the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee encouraged the Attorney General to arrange for an independent organization to conduct the investigation.

In October 2022, the Office of the Attorney General informed the public that an additional investigation was being conducted by an independent agency, the Montana Division of Criminal Investigations.

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 54-66-08, the North Dakota Ethics Commission requests information regarding the scope of the investigation turned over to the Montana Division of Criminal Investigations. This information pertains to investigations pending before the Commission. If the Office of the Attorney General does not have information regarding the scope of the investigation, I would ask that you provide the Commission with the information for a contact person with the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission's office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Binstock".

Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director
North Dakota Ethics Commission