

October 31, 2022

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Representative Jason Dockter

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Re: Initial Review of Complaints filed with the Ethics Commission

Dear Representative Dockter:

This letter is to notify you of eight (8) separate complaints that have been filed against you through the North Dakota Ethics Commission. These complaints arise from the leasing and renovating of the building located at 1720 Burlington Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota.

There are two (2) essential steps of the Commission's process which you should be aware: (1) an initial review of the allegations of the complaint and (2) an investigation of the allegations of the complaint.

During an initial review, the Executive Director reviews the allegations of the complaint and additional information pertinent to a complaint. After the initial review, the Executive Director may summarily dismiss a complaint if the alleged violation does not fall within the Commission's jurisdiction or is insufficient to identify a possible violation. Alternatively, if the Executive Director determines a matter falls within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission and contains sufficient information to believe a violation has occurred, the Executive Director will prepare a written summary of a complaint and provide you notice.

Pursuant to N.D.A.C. § 115-02-01-03(6), as the Executive Director, I am in the process of conducting an initial review of these complaints. At this time, no action is required of you. Upon completion of the initial review, you will be notified that either (1) a complaint is summarily dismissed, or (2) that a matter falls within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission. If a complaint is not summarily dismissed, you will be provided with a written summary of the complaint. At this stage, please do not file any response(s) to the complaints with the Commission.

During this process, information revealing the contents of a complaint, information that reasonably may be used to identify you, as the accused individual, and information relating to or

created as part of the investigation of a complaint is confidential as defined in North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-17.1.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Rebecca Binstock

Rebecca Binstock
Executive Director