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Good morning Director Grabowska,

Thank you for following up. We understand the Ethics Commission's process is new. We appreciate you seeking additional information.

I will send the original email with the interview request from September 22, 2023 by separate email. Unfortunately, the Commission cannot provide you copies of the complaints as they are confidential records pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 54-66-12.

Thank you,  
Logan

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Logan,

I am requesting a copy of the referenced documents contained in your email response below.

1. The Commissions's original request letter for interview on 09/22/23.
2. The complaints 22-003 through 22-010.

Thank you,

Lonnie

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Good afternoon Director Grabowska,

Thank you for your questions. As a preliminary matter, your interview is an essential piece of the Commission's investigation of complaint nos. 22-003 – 22-010 related to Representative Jason Dockter. With that being said, I will attempt to provide answers to the questions you raised.

1. The Commission is requiring your attendance at the interview pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 54-66-08(3). We can't force you to stay the whole interview.
2. No, you will not be sworn to tell the truth, but a strong assumption exists that you will do so.
3. It is an audio recorded interview with Commission staff and our special assistant attorney general for these complaints, Patricia Monson. It will be held in the Ethics Commission's conference room, room 321 in the J-wing of the capitol.
4. Yes, we will audio record the interview. The recording will be used for evidence and reference purposes in the Commission's investigation. It is the property of the state and will be maintained by the Commission. You can receive a copy of the recording and can review it for accuracy of your statements.
5. The interview is for the purposes of the Commission's investigation of complaint nos. 22-003 – 22-010, as noted in the Commission's original request for an interview with you dated September 22, 2023. The complaints relate to Representative Jason Dockter's involvement in the lease of 1720 Burlington Drive to the Office of the Attorney General.
6. At this time, the Commission is unaware of any criminal investigations that the interview would be used for evidence in. However, the Commission cannot guarantee how state records are used outside the Commission's complaint process.
7. At this time, the Commission is unaware of any criminal or civil court proceedings where you would be called to testify based on the interview. However, the Commission cannot guarantee how state records are used outside the Commission's complaint process.
8. Special Assistant Attorney General Patricia Monson of Fargo will conduct the interview. I will assist her with the interview, and Executive Director Binstock will also be present.
9. No, the Commission does not provide a list of its questions prior to interviews. The course of interviews can change based on information provided by an interviewee.
10. The Commission cannot give you legal advice about your position as a witness in this matter. You will need to ask an attorney who represents you this question.
11. The Commission will not object to your representation by legal counsel at this interview. However, I must point out that this is not a deposition so the rules of civil procedure do not apply during the interview.

We appreciate your cooperation, and I hope this answers your questions. Please provide your availability for the interview to the Commission's office by this Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to allow us adequate time to schedule the interview. The Commission also asks witnesses to sign a confidentiality acknowledgment form and a recording acknowledgment form at the interview. I have attached those forms for your advanced review.

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 54-66-12(1), this email and any information you provide in response is a confidential record as defined in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-17.1.

Thank you,  
Logan

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Alisha,

Thank you for the e-mail. Before I schedule a date for the interview, I have several questions I am requesting your agency answer.

1. Is the interview voluntary or is there a requirement (subpoena, etc.) to appear? If decided upon, can I leave at any time during the interview?
2. Will I be sworn in or take any form of an oath before the interview begins?
3. What is the format of the interview?
4. Will the interview be recorded by the Ethics Commission? If so, what will the recording be utilized for? Is the recording the property of the Ethics Commission? Will a copy of the recording be supplied to me? If a transcript is created, will I have the ability to review the transcript for accuracy?
5. What Ethics Commission investigations will this interview be used in?
6. Will the interview be used as direct evidence in the furtherance of any criminal investigations? If so, against which individuals?
7. Will this interview lead to me being called to testify as a witness in any further criminal or civil court proceedings?
8. Which individuals will be conducting the interview? Which individuals will be present for the interview?
9. Will you please provide a list of all questions which the Ethics Commissions, its agents, attorneys, or assigns intend to ask prior to the interview?

10. Can any of the information I supply during the interview be used against me in a civil or criminal investigation?
11. Will legal counsel be allowed to represent me for the interview?

Thank you very much and I look forward to your reply.

Lonnie Grabowska

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Good afternoon, Director Grabowska:

Rebecca Binstock, North Dakota Ethics Commission Executive Director, requested I reach out to schedule an interview with you. We are looking at November 12, 13, or 14 in the Ethics Commission's conference room. Can you please provide your availability for those dates?

Thanks,

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