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*Via Email Only*

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Re: Interview of Mr. C.J. Schorsch (Complaint Nos. 22-003 – 22-010)

Dear Mr. Rogneby:

The North Dakota Ethics Commission ("Commission") appreciates the information provided by you and Mr. C.J. Schorsch on January 16, 2025. During the interview, Mr. Schorsch was unwilling to answer certain questions regarding his interactions and relationship with Representative Jason Dockter. We informed you we would send these questions in writing for his review after the interview. After further consideration, the Commission determined it will instead follow up with Representative Dockter on these topics. However, the Commission has one additional question to clarify previous statements made by you and your client.

On June 29, 2022, Mr. Schorsch told the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee, "Right, but I hired the architect . . . the state didn't hire the architect, we did."<sup>1</sup> During a Government Administration Committee hearing on August 24, 2022, Mr. Schorsch responded to a question posed by Representative Porter specifically asking who employed the engineer and architect. Mr. Schorsch told the committee, "We ran it through our property management company. Yeah, so everything came through Bartlett & West – we paid all the bills for the project. On behalf of the state or whatever, you know we billed it back."<sup>2</sup> Additionally, invoices included with your response to the Office of the State Auditor's report were billed to Mr. Schorsch at Parkway Property Management.<sup>3</sup> However, during Mr. Schorsch's interview you informed us, "[A]ll of the plans for this building were produced by the attorney general's architects."<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 67th N.D. Legis. Assemb. Interim Sess., *Legis. Audit and Fiscal Rev. Comm.* (June 29, 2022, 9:40:13 AM), <https://video.ndlegis.gov/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20220629/-1/25802>.

<sup>2</sup> 67th N.D. Legis. Assemb. Interim Sess., *Gov't Admin. Comm.* (Aug. 24, 2022, 11:09:20 AM), [https://video.ndlegis.gov/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20220823/-1/26913#info\\_](https://video.ndlegis.gov/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20220823/-1/26913#info_).

<sup>3</sup> Memo Response of Stealth Properties, LLC to the Investigative Rep. of the Off. of the Att'y Gen. Dated Sept. 27, 2022, Ex. 13 at 1-34 (Oct. 28, 2022).

<sup>4</sup> Interview by Special Assistant Attorney General Patricia Monson and General Counsel Logan Carpenter with Mr. C.J. Schorsch and Attorney Monte Rogneby at 00:24:27 (Jan. 16, 2025).



Based on this information, it is unclear who hired the architect, and we want to make sure this detail is correct for the Commission's report. Did Stealth Properties, LLC or the Office of the Attorney General hire Bartlett & West for the Burlington property project?

We appreciate any clarifying information you and your client are willing to provide and look forward to hearing from you. Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 54-66-12(1), this request for information and any information you provide in response is a confidential record as defined in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-17.1. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Commission's office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Logan Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Logan Carpenter  
General Counsel, North Dakota Ethics Commission