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*Via Email Only*

Colonel Brandon Solberg  
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Re: Investigation of Complaints filed with the Ethics Commission (Complaint Nos. 22-003 – 22-010)

Dear Colonel Solberg:

The North Dakota Ethics Commission ("Commission") is in the process of investigating several complaints filed against Representative Jason Dockter. The complaints relate to alleged conflicts of interest by Representative Dockter and the lease by the Office of the Attorney General of the property located at 1720 Burlington Drive in Bismarck, North Dakota. The Commission believes your office has information relevant to its investigation.

The Commission has learned Representative Dockter has an interest in an additional building leased by the state. Specifically, an LLC Representative Dockter is a member of owns a building at 601 Channel Drive in Bismarck ("Channel Drive property"). The Highway Patrol leased the Channel Drive property in 2019 and now the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is currently occupying the space.

At this time, the Commission is respectfully requesting information from you and your office related to the Highway Patrol's lease of the Channel Drive property. Accordingly, we have the following questions and requests for information:

1. What did the Highway Patrol use the Channel Drive property for and was the space satisfactory for the intended use?
2. Were any renovations, improvements, or additions made to the Channel Drive property for use by the Highway Patrol? If so, did the state pay for any renovations, improvements, or additions?
3. Why does the Highway Patrol no longer lease the space, and when did it vacate the Channel Drive property?

4. Did the Highway Patrol pay any additional funds to the landlord to terminate the lease or upon vacating the Channel Drive property? If so, why?
5. Please provide any documentation from your office related to the lease, or any renovations, improvements, or additions to the of the Channel Drive property.

The authority of the Commission to request information and documentation lies under Article XIV, § 3(2) of the North Dakota Constitution and N.D.C.C. § 54-66-08(3).

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,



Rebecca Binstock  
Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission