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The Honorable Nathan Deal Office of the Governor 203 State Capitol Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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Dear Governor Deal,

It has now been almost six months since I first called your attention to a pattern of ongoing criminal activity undermining the University System of Georgia (USG), and requested you to appoint a special investigator pursuant to your authority under OCGA § 45-15-18. However, I have received no response to my letters of October 31, 2014 and January 12, 2015.

As I informed you on January 12, the Attorney General has publicly refused to investigate the documented criminal activity—even though he admitted to many of the crimes in pleadings filed in *Tricoli v. Watts*. Specifically, the Attorney General admitted in the face of overwhelming documentation that USG officials did knowingly and systematically falsify the Georgia Perimeter College budget--from which up to \$18.5 million in State and Federal funds remains unaccounted-for to this day, according to the USG's own self-audit.

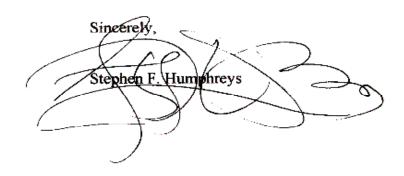
I am writing again to add that, while the Attorney General has publicly insisted that no investigation is needed for these "nonsensical allegations," he has privately contradicted himself, claiming in the attached email sent from his personal cell phone that a "full and conclusive investigation" has already been done. It makes no sense, of course, for the Attorney General to admit that the crimes occurred and to then claim that an investigation found the criminal allegations to be "frivolous." It is more likely that Attorney General Sam Olens' claim--that an investigation has already cleared State officials of wrongdoing--is itself a knowingly false statement intended to mislead the public and obstruct the fair administration of justice.

Furthermore, the Attorney General's actions to deter an investigation now extend to evidence tampering and other crimes originating in the Attorney General's office itself. Though you have not responded to my previous offers to provide you with documentation of the serious crimes we are alleging, I am including as an attachment authenticated records and sworn testimony by USG officials filed as

exhibits in *Benedek v. Olens*. These public documents conclusively show evidence tampering and perjury by State officials, including the Attorney General's office.

The Attorney General dismissed this troubling evidence as "junk" that does not merit investigation. The Attorney General also moved, in *Benedek v. Olens*, to exclude as inadmissible his own attached email falsely claiming a complete investigation has already been conducted.

These continuing misrepresentations by the Attorney General are a serious matter. Knowingly false statements concerning matters of public business are themselves a crime under OCGA § 16-10-20 and 18 USC § 1001. The Attorney General has now contradicted his own statement about the need for an investigation—which is also contradicted by extensive documentation, and even by admissions that the alleged crimes were in fact committed by State of Georgia officials. Therefore, we believe you have no choice but to take action, using your authority under OCGA § 45-15-18, to appoint a special attorney general to conduct an independent criminal investigation.



Attachments:

November 9, 2014 email exchange between William McNiff and Sam Olens

Notice of Filing Exhibits & Exhibits 1-15, documentation of criminal RICO predicate acts filed in Fulton Superior Court

Copy – October 31, 2014 letter to Governor Nathan Deal requesting appointment of special attorney general

Copy –January 12, 2015 letter to Governor Nathan Deal requesting appointment of special attorney general