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Representative Emanuel Chris Welch
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101st General Assembly

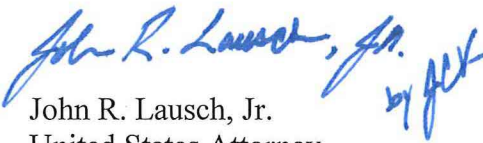
Representative Tom Demmer
Special Investigative Committee
Illinois House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Demmer and Representative Welch,

I am writing in response to Representative Demmer's letter on September 21, 2020 relating to the Special Investigative Committee's ("SIC's") investigation. That letter references a separate letter provided by the Chair of the SIC providing direction to prospective witnesses, and expresses a concern that the witnesses are being instructed not to provide any "non-public" information during their upcoming testimony. To be clear, this office has not objected generally to a witness providing "non-public" information, and such an understanding of the objections in our office's September 17 letter would be incorrect. Our positions are described more fully in our September 17 letter and not repeated here.

As discussed, we appreciate the SIC's consideration of our interests as it proceeds. The SIC's process is independent of our work, and we are not taking a position on how the SIC may call witnesses, other than objecting to any witness being compelled to testify or produce documents pursuant to any proposed grant of immunity, which could interfere with a federal investigation as noted in our letter.

Sincerely,


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cc: John C. Kocoras, First Assistant United States Attorney