



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF ILLINOIS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 18, 2020

VIA EMAIL & CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Illinois House of Representatives Special Investigating Committee

Dear Mr. Zalewski:

The Illinois House of Representatives has convened a Special Investigating Committee (the “SIC”) pursuant to House Rule 91, following the filing of a Petition by Leader Jim Durkin, State Representative Ryan Spain, and State Representative Andrew Chesney on August 31, 2020.

The charge the Committee is tasked to investigate is that Speaker Madigan engaged in conduct unbecoming to a legislator or which constitutes breach of public trust, as detailed in the Deferred Prosecution Agreement (“DPA”) entered into by Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”) and the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District, including engaging in a bribery scheme, an extortion scheme, conspiracy to violate federal and state laws, among other misconduct and misuse of office.¹

Due to the fact that the charge is inextricably tied to the facts and circumstances underlying the DPA, the Committee is tasked with investigating those facts and circumstances thoroughly and impartially, while ensuring it does not interfere with any ongoing federal investigation related to the DPA.

By this letter, we invite you to appear before the committee at the next hearing, which will be held on Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 at 2 p.m. in Room 114 of the State Capitol Building located at 301 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

This Committee is cognizant of the ongoing federal investigation on this matter, this request should not be construed as a request for any “government produced materials” or otherwise non-public information you provided to or obtained from the federal government in connection with its investigation. Please see the attached letter from the United States Attorney for the Northern District for more information on this issue.

¹ See Committee Exhibit #4

You may have counsel present during the hearing to advise or speak on your behalf.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and notify us as to whether you intend to participate in the hearing by the end of business Friday September 25th, 2020. Acknowledgement and notice may be made through counsels for the Committee, Margaret Livingston and Derek Persico. You may also contact either or both of them with any questions you may have about the Committee proceedings at (217) 782-9866 or mlivingston@hds.ilga.gov, or (217) 782-5591 or dpersico@hrs.ilga.gov.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch, Chair
Special Investigating Committee II
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101st General Assembly
Enclosures

cc: Rep. Tom Demmer, Minority Spokesperson, Special Investigating Committee II