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Dear Speaker Wentworth,

As you are aware, the Attorney General's office has recently petitioned for a special prosecutor to assess charges against several figures alleged to have taken part in a conspiracy to illegally access voting equipment. This list of individuals facing potential criminal charges includes our colleague, State Representative Daire Rendon.

We are particularly concerned by a specific allegation, detailed in the letter to Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson from Christina Grossi, chief deputy Attorney General, sent August 5th.

It is alleged in this letter that Rep. Rendon contacted multiple elections officials in the 103rd House District to coerce them into providing sensitive election equipment to other individuals involved in this conspiracy. Obviously, it was wrong of Rep. Rendon to request these officials participate in the illegal acquisition of this equipment, but furthermore, it is alleged that she misrepresented the House of Representatives' involvement in this conspiracy in at least one instance.

It is alleged that Rep. Rendon told the Roscommon County Clerk, Michelle Stevenson, that "representatives' were doing an investigation into election fraud and needed her voting machine." This constitutes a gross misrepresentation of her activities and the Legislature's involvement with the illegal investigation Rep. Rendon allegedly aided with these calls to her constituents. Without elaboration or specification of who these "representatives" were, the statement is clearly meant to indicate the investigation was being conducted by members of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Our concern, stemming from this remark allegedly made while facilitating an illegal acquisition of election equipment, is to what extent Rep. Rendon may have gone to in her efforts to misrepresent this endeavor as being legitimately conducted by the Legislature or State Representatives.

It is incumbent upon you to authorize an investigation to answer this question: What actions, if any, did Representative Daire Rendon take to misrepresent that this activity was on behalf of the House of Representatives?

An investigation to answer this question must include a review of her use of House of Representatives and State of Michigan resources, including:

- Phone lines servicing her office in the Anderson House Office Building

- State-issued email accounts for her individual and office use
- State-issued computers
- Letterhead, envelopes, and other printed material printed and furnished by, or bearing the authority of, the House of Representatives
- Employees of the Legislature, including those of her office, the Republican Caucus, nonpartisan legislative staff, or any other staff who may have aided the alleged misrepresentation and communication.

This investigation must begin urgently. The people of Michigan deserve to know if their government, through the actions of one or several elected officials or legislative employees, misused these taxpayer-funded resources entrusted to the Representatives in service of the state.

As Speaker of the House, you have the authority to direct the House Business Office to conduct such an investigation, as has been done in the past when violations have been alleged against House Rule 74(4) that “a Member shall not convert for personal, business and or/campaign use, unrelated to House business, any supplies, services, facilities, or staff provided by the State of Michigan. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones, telecopy machines, computers, postage, and copy machines.”

Such an investigation could be conducted entirely within authorities you possess as Speaker of the House, and such an investigation would in no way impede the legal process from playing out nor interfere with any ongoing criminal investigations that may be underway.

Sincerely,



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