

June 25, 2024

Attorney General Keith Ellison
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Attorney General Ellison,

We have your response to our April 9 letter (enclosed) addressing the *State of Minnesota v. American Petroleum Institute, et. al.* litigation.

While we appreciate the response and the information you have shared, the primary question we had centered on why you believe it is appropriate to pay a California law firm what could amount to hundreds of millions of dollars when that firm is already being privately funded by numerous outside interest groups to prosecute this case. Your response does not address this question.

To ensure Minnesotans have a clear understanding about the circumstances surrounding your retention of Sher Edling, we ask that you provide the following information:

1. Did your Office know about the many different entities and individuals funding Sher Edling's work on climate litigation, and the amount of that funding, when you negotiated the fee agreement with them? Did your Office ask Sher Edling about these outside funding sources, and if so, how did Sher Edling respond?
2. If your Office had this information at the time it signed the fee agreement with Sher Edling, why did it not provide this information to the Legislative Advisory Commission?
3. Why does your Office believe it is appropriate to commit State resources to Sher Edling, when that law firm is already being funded by private interests?

Please provide this information by July 5, 2024. Thank you for your attention to our question, and please contact us if you require clarification.

Sincerely,



Representative Jim Nash



Representative Harry Niska