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January 8, 2019

Hon. Michael J. Madigan
Speaker, Illinois House of Representatives
Room 300 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Speaker Madigan:

A recent investigative report from WBEZ alleges a disturbing criminal cover-up and shocking illegal activity by a State-registered lobbyist and several State of Illinois employees, either currently or previously employed by the State. The lobbyist was practicing under the Lobbyist Registration Act statute at the time of the alleged activity and the State employees were senior-level officials in a previous administration. The Illinois House of Representatives has an inherent responsibility to perform an independent inquiry into a matter of this nature.

It is a relatively routine practice for standing or special committees of the Illinois House to be convened to dig deep into allegations of misconduct related to State governance, so I respectfully request the State Government Administration Committee ("Committee") be immediately convened to investigate the allegations from the WBEZ report. In addition to full subpoena authority that requires the testimony from the individuals below and any others deemed necessary, the testimony of the individuals called before the Committee must be under oath. At a minimum, the following individuals must be compelled to provide testimony before the Committee:

- Michael McClain
- Forrest Ashby
- Jerry Stermer
- Gary Hannig
- Lorrie Rickman-Jones

The seriousness of the allegations requires a thorough, comprehensive investigation by the Committee. Our Illinois constituents deserve it. Please advise me of your intentions to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Durkin".

Jim Durkin
Representative, 82nd District
House Republican Leader

cc: Chairperson Stephanie Kifowit
Spokesperson Brad Halbrook