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SUBJECT: Response To Your Assessment of Your Investigative Authority Pertaining to Criminal Complaint Against John Poulos, CEO of Dominion Voting Systems

Dear Mr. Oberlin,

In your April 24, 2024 letter you stated that the Michigan Senate Rules do not authorize your office to investigate my allegations. You do acknowledge, however, that Senate Rule 2.102 permits the Legislature to punish a witness for contempt for offenses listed in MCL 4.82. The full text of MCL 4.82 reads:

“Each house may punish as a contempt, and by imprisonment, a breach of its privileges, or the privileges of its members, but only for 1 or more of the following offences, to wit: First, The offence of arresting a member or officer of the house, or procuring such member or officer to be arrested, in violation of his privilege from arrest. Second, That of disorderly conduct in the immediate view of the house, and directly tending to interrupt its proceedings. Third, That of refusing to attend, or be examined as a witness, either before the house, or a committee, or before any person authorized by the house, or by a committee, to take testimony in legislative proceedings: Fourth, That of giving or offering a bribe to a member, or of attempting by menace, or other corrupt means, or device directly or indirectly to control or influence a member in giving his vote, or to prevent his giving the same: but the term of imprisonment which such house may impose for any contempt specified in this section shall not extend beyond the same session of the legislature.”

I realize that it is easy to become jaded by the discourse all too frequently associated with the remarks before the Senate, but many including myself would still assert that lying should be considered a “corrupt means” of influencing policy decisions. Please provide examples of what you would consider “corrupt means” if not perjury. Neither kidnapping nor murder are explicitly listed. Would you consider them “corrupt means” of influencing policy decisions?

Upon consideration of these questions and my assertion that perjury is indeed a corrupt means of influencing policy decisions, I respectfully ask you to reconsider your decision not to pursue a criminal investigation of the December 15, 2020 testimony of Dominion Voting Systems CEO John Poulos before the Michigan Senate Oversight Committee.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Regards,



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