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Mr. Attorney General Schuette,

God bless your office and the work you do defending the people of the state of Michigan.

I must bring to your attention actions by government officials and persons employed by the city of Detroit that may violate the laws of our state. There seems to be a consensus across this state that Detroit faces financial problems. As such may be the case, we require your assistance as the state's top crime enforcement official to investigate and deter instances of fraud or embezzlement where they occur. As citizens of this state our desire is that our tax dollars are not misappropriated.

I am particularly concerned with the approach of public office executives establishing private non-profits to handle government business. While these situations have been engines for success they have also been playgrounds for graft, embezzlement, and other corruption. It has proven difficult for the taxpayer and other branches of government to monitor the inner workings of private nonprofits that execute functions typically handled by traditional institutions of governance. Moreover, Detroit and Wayne County have directly witnessed abuse within these kinds of non-profits that are created by elected officials and their appointees.

\$60 million in state and federal monies were due to be deposited by the first of October to the non-profit corporation Institute for Public Health, which appears to be illegitimately setup. City officials are doubtful as to its origins and mechanics.

Justice delayed is justice denied. I am aware that these concerns have been forwarded to the Wayne county prosecutor, yet the status of any investigation is uncertain. The mayor himself has described the city's circumstances as deserving immediate attention; therefore, I ask that you commence investigatory action forthwith.

Please review the attached documents/exhibits and conduct an investigation into the following actions, institutions, and corporations. In addition, if information attained during the investigation leads you further, please investigate any improprieties that an initial investigation may uncover.

The creation of the nonprofit corporation Institute for Population Health (IPH) and whether the appropriate legal and political rubric was satisfied in order to legitimize this corporation that would handle large sums of state and federal money.

The requests for information by the Detroit city council to the mayor to present information on the status of the Department of Health and the mayor's repeated refusal to respond to said requests, coupled with the mayor's contemporaneous authorizations of monies to be moved from city accounts into the private accounts of the corporation.

The use of city owned properties to promote, establish, and carry out the duties of a private company.

The handling of cash and checks and misplacement of monies prior to authorization by the mayor.

The segregating of cash from checks, the placement of the cash into a safe box, and the subsequent transfer of the cash revenues collected at the Department of Health into a private account.

The bank account at Fifth Third Bank that holds the funds for the Institute for Population Health and its deposit and withdrawal records to determine if co-mingling of funds occurred with city dollars and whether any such funds were misappropriated from the account.

The return of fifty thousand dollars to the department of health in an attempt to cure allegations of misconduct.

The executive's office subsequent authorization of misappropriated and mishandled monies and the lack of disciplinary action.

The violation of City of Detroit Directive No. 20 which governs the handling and deposits of money within city departments.

Mr. Attorney General, I have been moved by members of my constituency to look into a matter and I cannot not hesitate – such is the nature of being a public official and representative. The mayor's office of the city of Detroit has engaged in conduct that goes beyond incompetence. I have attached emails and correspondence that suggest an air of intentionality. The actions of mayoral appointees and subsequent cover-ups should alert anyone who is concerned with putting a yoke around the neck of corruption in government.

Thank you for taking the time to investigate these matters.

Sincerely

Representative John Olumba, J.D.

Michigan House of Representatives, District 5