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Honorable Natalie K. Wight
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Dear Counsel:

This is a formal investigation request into to corruption in the Oregon State Capitol.

Last night, the Willamette Week reported large cash donations were made to Senator Rob Wagner, Governor Tina Kotek and Secretary Shemia Fagan amongst others. Many of these cash campaign or other donations exceeded \$10,000 from federally illegal drug operations.

As you know, federal law requires a variety of reporting for all cash transactions exceeding \$10,000 inclusive of cashier's checks, bank drafts, traveler's check or money orders. The law has different requirements at different levels as to whom and how this illegal drug cash is reported. Then there is a combined \$12,000 yearly limit reporting requirement as well. It is alleged 'staff' picked up bundles of cash? State employees?

While politicians may claim they qualify as exempt charitable organizations, the financial institutions issuing or receiving over \$10,000 is required to report. Most do not. The Orestar cash list includes the Governor, Commissioner, Treasurer, State Senators & Representatives, U.S. Representative, District Attorney, and partisan political groups.

This cash scandal is simply the tip of the iceberg in the Legislative Assembly and Oregon State Capitol. The quorum denial news in the Oregon State Senate is about unlawful conduct not a single specific political issue. You should be fully aware of the OLCC liquor scandal in which the Oregon Attorney General is on both sides of the secret investigation. Who is investigating the Attorney General? Certainly, the OR AG would claim corruption in the State Capitol falls under the Eleventh Amendment, much does not, including her own office's involvement.

Regardless of the situation, the citizens of Oregon deserve your attention to determine the facts whether illegal or legal as any reasonable person simply sees political corruption.

Respectfully requested,

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