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Attorney General Kane:

The Special Committee on Senate Address was established by the Senate on October 26, 2015 to pursue possible address under Article 6, Section 7 of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati, exercising his authority under Senate Rule 5(a)(2), duly appointed three Republican and three Democratic members to the Special Committee. Additionally, the President Pro Tempore is serving as an *ex officio* voting member.

As the designated Chairman of the Special Committee on Senate Address, I have been authorized to contact you for the purpose of requesting the following:

- Any and all documents, including electronic communications, detailing or describing the operation of the Office of Attorney General following the suspension of the Attorney General's law license which became effective on October 22, 2015.
- Any and all communications from the Attorney General to the employees of the Office of Attorney General related to the suspension of the Attorney General's law license.
- Any and all communications sent to the Attorney General from or produced by employees of the Office of Attorney General related to the suspension of the Attorney General's law license.
- A description of any duties or functions the Attorney General has delegated to other employees of the Office of Attorney General which cannot be performed or effectuated due to the suspension of the Attorney General's law license.

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- Any opinion or explanation of the legal authority of the Attorney General to delegate any duties or functions to her First Deputy since there has not been a "vacancy in the position of Attorney General" as required under Section 202 of the Commonwealth Attorneys Act.
- All filings and documentation required under Section 217 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement related to formerly admitted attorneys.

Please feel free to submit any additional information you think the Committee should consider. The Special Committee on Senate Address is charged with submitting a preliminary report to the full Senate by November 25, 2015. Therefore, it is imperative that these requested items be delivered to the Committee within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this letter. I look forward to your response and full cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,



JOHN R. GORDNER
Chairman
Special Committee on Senate Address

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cc: Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati, III, President Pro Tempore
Honorable Lisa Baker
Honorable Gene Yaw
Honorable Judith L. Schwank
Honorable Sean Wiley
Honorable Art Haywood