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Ms. Natalie K. Wight
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Dear Ms. Wight,

Pursuant to your ongoing investigation into Shemia Fagan, La Mota, its executives, and Congresswoman Val Hoyle, I want to be sure you are aware of a recent interview Rep Hoyle engaged in (<https://nbc16.com/news/local/exclusive-val-hoyle-addresses-la-mota-controversy> full interview video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jowLo_2A_eg) where she discussed at length information pertaining to your investigation. I know you have a lot on your plate; however, I want to draw to your attention that, according to Rep Hoyle, while she was BOLI Commissioner, she may have enriched several of her donors and/or businesses in contact with BOLI by abusing her authority as Commissioner, perhaps to the detriment of Oregonians who had pending complaints before BOLI.

Rep Hoyle's engagement with La Mota executives is clearly unethical, if not unlawful. Hoyle states in the interview that she had many similar relationships with other business owners trying to seek either a grant or some other special dispensation. In the matter of La Mota, shockingly, there were at least eleven pending employee complaints against La Mota that were filed and active with BOLI during the time Hoyle engaged directly with her La Mota donors and while she ensured they received the illegal Endeavor grant.

It would be prudent for the DOJ to obtain all the grants awarded to businesses during Hoyle's tenure as Commissioner, and it would be necessary justice to confirm (and address) if Hoyle provided her personal ear to employers of complainants to BOLI.

I speak for myself and many others in expressing my appreciation for the work you are doing to get to the truth and root out corruption in our government agencies. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monique DeSpain". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Monique DeSpain
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