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The Honorable Stephen J. Cox

Attorney General of Alaska

Alaska Department of Law

Re: Immediate Action on Pending Grand Jury Referral

Dear Attorney General Cox,

Congratulations on your appointment. You have stated: *“The role of the Attorney General begins and ends in Alaska and with its people. I am committed to serving with fairness and justice.”*

These are strong words, and now they must be matched with action.

As you assume this office, you inherit unresolved matters left dormant by your predecessor, AG Treg Taylor. Chief among them is the **Grand Jury referral** submitted months ago by myself, Betty Jo Moore, and Scott Egger regarding systemic violations of Alaska’s Constitution and statutes by state officials, the judiciary, and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Despite repeated presentments and supporting documentation, AG Taylor failed in his duty to advance this referral to the courts as constitutionally required.

This is not a matter of preference, but one of law:

- **Article I, Section 8 of the Alaska Constitution** preserves the People’s right of direct access to the Grand Jury.
- **Supreme Court Order No. 1993 (effective Dec. 1, 2020)** and **SCO No. 2000 (2023)** attempt to restrict that right, raising constitutional conflict.
- Our presentments meet every statutory and constitutional requirement, and your office is now under obligation to transmit them.

You have pledged to “uphold the rule of law, protect the rights of all Alaskans, and ensure that our state’s laws are enforced with integrity.” There is no clearer test of that commitment than whether you will honor the People’s right to a Grand Jury investigation into government misconduct.

Therefore, I respectfully but firmly request:

1. **That you immediately review the referral materials already submitted to AG Taylor** (and his deputies, including Anne Helzer), which remain pending in the Department of Law.

2. **That you formally transmit our Petition for a Grand Jury to the appropriate court without further delay.**
3. **That you confirm in writing to myself, Ms. Moore, and Mr. Egger the status and next steps of this referral.**

The People of Alaska are watching. Inaction undermines trust. Swift action will demonstrate that you are indeed the Attorney General *for the people of Alaska* and not for entrenched interests.

I look forward to your prompt response and to your fulfillment of the oath you are about to take.

Respectfully,

Edward D. Martin Jr.

On behalf of myself, Ms. Betty Jo Moore, and Mr. Scott Egger

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” —2 Corinthians 3:17