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Government Oversight Committee
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June 29, 2015

Dear Chairmans Katz and Kruger,

Please consider this a follow-up to the request made Friday, June 26, 2015, to your Committee regarding concerns we have in reference to Governor Paul LePage's conduct surrounding all of the issues associated with Speaker Mark Eves's termination of employment from the Good-Will Hinckley School.

It has been alleged that Governor LePage threatened to withhold State funding from this private school and took action to do so. It is also our understanding that the threat to withhold these public funds affected the Alfond Foundation's willingness to follow through on grant commitments made to the school.

We consider this to be an act of intimidation, misuse of State funds, abuse of power, conduct unbecoming of a public official sworn to uphold the law, and a violation of Mark Eves's 14th Amendment rights.

We are requesting an OPEGA investigation of the facts surrounding this situation and the funding involved. Specifically, the scope of this investigation is to include, but not limited to:

- The funding allocated and threatened to be withheld
- Any actions taken taken by the Governor to withhold intended payments
- All relevant communications between the Governor, the Governor's office, the Dept. of Education, the Good-Will Hinckley School, the Alfond Foundation and any other relevant entities

If these allegations are substantiated in the OPEGA/Government Oversight investigation, in addition to standard protocols, please refer all findings to the Maine House of Representatives for consideration under the authority vested in the Constitution of the State of Maine, Article 4, Part 1, Section 8.

Respectively submitted,

Rep. Jeffrey Evangelos Rep. Ben Chipman Rep. Charlotte Warren