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Roth Judd  
Director

Senator Gary George  
State Capitol, Room 118 South  
Madison, WI HAND DELIVERED

Dear Senator George:

Last week, the Ethics Board's legal counsel, Jonathan Becker, sent you an open records request for your Senate staffs time records. These records are created and maintained in accordance with a rule of the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization specifically so that the Ethics Board and the public can ascertain the hours during which legislative employees are claiming to be working on state business. Your reaction to this request was to call Mr. Becker and berate him for half an hour.

You threatened to sue Mr. Becker and the Board's Director, Roth Judd, if the Board pursued its inquiries. You further threatened to file a complaint against Mr. Becker with the Office of Lawyer Regulation if he continued in his role of representing the Board in its pursuit of such information.

As you know, the Ethics Board has received a complaint that your staff may have been working on your gubernatorial campaign on state time. Frankly, the Board would like to be in a position to demonstrate that your staff complied with the rules of the Legislature concerning campaign activity. But instead of producing the requested documents, you made personal threats to our employee.

Neither the Ethics Board nor its staff will be bullied into abandoning its inquiry. The Board has an obligation to the people of Wisconsin to enforce standards of conduct of government officials and to inquire into matters in


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which serious and legitimate questions have been raised. We intend to do so in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
James R. Morgan, Chairman

  
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cc: Senate Organization Committee ✓  
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