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Honorable Carol Pope
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RE: LIG Case No. 19-026

Dear Inspector General Pope:

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 430/25-50(a), a summary report regarding LIG Case No. 19-026 was received by my State Capitol Office on March 30, 2020.

Together with the Ethics Officer for the Office of the Senate President, Giovanni Randazzo, I reviewed your summary report of the investigation involving Brandon Craig, a former contractual intern in the District Office for Senator Emil Jones III.

Pursuant to my responsibilities under Section 25-50 of the Ethics Act, I have reviewed your findings and am responding to your Summary Report. I concur with your recommendations and urge the Commission to make this Report available to the public as soon as possible.

Regarding Recommendation (A), I have asked the Secretary of the Senate's Office to review and audit Brandon Craig's Replicon records to determine if other hours claimed by Brandon were for legitimate State business.

Regarding Recommendation (B), I have asked the Secretary of the Senate's Office to contact Brandon Craig regarding restitution to the State for hours for which he was compensated for when not working on State business.

Regarding Recommendation (D), I have worked with the Secretary's Office to modify how Replicon time is recorded. We are asking all Senate Democratic District Office employees to document their working duties based on a preset list of state duties.

Regarding Recommendation (E), the report and this response will be placed in Mr. Craig's personnel file.

Regarding Recommendation (F), members of the Senate Democratic Caucus will be advised, in writing, of the potential for abuse once the changes in Recommendation (D) are implemented. They will also be advised verbally and then again, in writing, upon the release of this report.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Harmon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

Don Harmon
President of the Illinois Senate