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Lauren Guttzeit
Director of Human Resources
Louisiana Department of Health
628 North 4th Street
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Dear Ms. Guttzeit:

The Council is writing you to request that a formal investigative inquiry be opened and the following matters/issues be looked at promptly:

- The recording of a spring Partners in Policymaking meeting between several members of the class and the senior staff of the Council.
 - The creation of and subsequent existence of a transcript from that recorded meeting.
 - Who exactly advised the staff to record this meeting, what was that person's exact advice to the staff and was the advice verbal or written?
 - Who has the recording now as well as the transcript of that recorded conversation?
 - Was this lawfully and ethically done?
- The high turnover rate of staff within our office in the past three years as well as the recent resignations of the longtime Partners Program Coordinator and statewide LaCAN leader.
 - Were all regulations and law properly followed with these employees and any grievances they may have had?
- Were all public statements by the staff related to these issues mentioned consistent with all department policies and laws that our staff are required to follow ethically and lawfully?
- Has the Council been compliant with laws and policies in making recommendations and appointments to the Council?

Please let us know when we can meet to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely,



April Dunn, Council Chair



Randall Brown, Council Vice-Chair

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cc: Louisiana Ethics Administration Program
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