TESTIMONYON HOUSE BILL 6353 AND 6354 TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 22, 2013 PUBLIC HEARING

To the Appropriations Committee:

Under this proposal investigations of ethics would no longer be conducted by independent watchdog agencies but would fall under the control of an executive administrator who reports directly to the Governor and who would have the power to hire and fire legal staff.

I believe the potential for conflict of interest, political pressure and undue influence would be unacceptable in a well run government.

Do not outsource our legal staff to save money; you will lose something much more valuable, the public trust.

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