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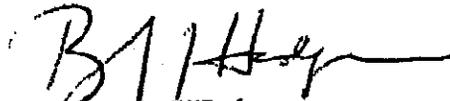
Further, under subsection (b) of the same statute:

An investigation conducted prior to a probable cause finding shall be confidential except upon the request of the respondent. If the investigation is confidential, the allegations in the complaint and any information supplied or received from the Office of State Ethics shall not be disclosed during the investigation to any third party by a complainant, respondent, witness, designated party, or board or staff member of the Office of State Ethics.

Any person, however, may waive whatever rights they have to the confidentiality protections of General Statutes section 1-82a. In fact, this Office routinely receives broad, "blanket" waivers from myriad individuals who wish to make public any files regarding them that this Office may or may not have. As you may see from the above-cited statutory language, if we were to receive such a waiver from Senator DeLuca, the Office would promptly disclose all relevant information that it has in its files. At this time, this Office has not received such a waiver from Senator DeLuca.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the above. If Senator DeLuca determines that he wishes to submit a written waiver of his confidentiality rights, please have him direct this to my attention.

Sincerely,



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