



May 4, 2018

Honorable Kirk Schuring  
Speaker Pro Tempore of the Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High St, 14th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Speaker Schuring:

It has come to my attention that the Ohio House of Representatives hired an independent counsel to conduct an investigation into allegations made in an anonymous letter by a staffer of widespread sexual harassment of women in the House. The letter, which is attached, was provided to me as a result of a public records request and is dated Jan. 30, 2018.

According to an email from Deputy Legal Counsel of the House Republican Caucus Sheila Willamowski, "the Ohio House conducted and finalized a thorough investigation through independent legal counsel."

I respectfully ask that you release the final report of that investigation to me, so I may share it with Ohio citizens. I also request that you provide to me all documents related to the hiring of the independent counsel, so Ohio citizens understand what the scope of its duties were. Finally, I ask that you provide all documents relating to the manner in which House staff was informed of the outcome of the investigation.

Thank you. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Peterson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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