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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
& Via Email to: secretary@michigan.gov

RE: Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney Investigation
Meijer, Inc., *et al.* and Acme Township

Dear Secretary of State Land:

I am writing to you on behalf of Acme Township Supervisor Wayne Kladder and Acme Township Trustees Paul Scott, Frank Zarafonitis and Erick Takayama.

My clients asked the Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney to investigate allegations that Meijer, Inc. and others acting in concert with it committed felonies, including violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, as well as possible criminal conspiracy and perjury. It is our understanding that the Prosecuting Attorney is still conducting the investigation, under the investigative responsibility of the Michigan State Police.

My clients and I request that you take no further action until the Prosecuting Attorney's investigation is complete and any charges resulting from it have been brought and adjudicated. We make this request for the following reasons:


1. With an open investigation pending, it would be waste of public resources to conduct a second investigation of the same matter.
2. The officials in Acme Township who were targeted by the alleged illegal conduct wish to have it investigated and then prosecuted or resolved, as appropriate, by the Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney, in whom they have a high degree of confidence.
3. You have received no complaint necessary to trigger action by you under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. Further, we do not anticipate you will receive any such complaint by any targeted official, by Acme Township, or by any candidate or ballot question committee that supported either the passage of the moratorium on big box superstores or the defense of Township officials in the recall campaign.
4. The only party-in-interest who has asked you to investigate this matter is Meijer, Inc., whose sincerity and credibility must be considered suspect at this point, to say the least.

5. Research by the Michigan Campaign Finance Network indicates you have received campaign contributions from individuals including but not limited to:
 - a. Frederick Meijer of Meijer, Inc.
 - b. Hank Meijer of Meijer, Inc.
 - c. Mark Meijer of Meijer, Inc.
 - d. Brian Breslin of Meijer, Inc.
 - e. Meijer PAC
 - f. Ginny Seyferth of Seyferth Spaulding Tennyson, Inc.
 - g. Pro-rated contributions by 85 attorneys at Dickinson Wright PLLC.

Any investigation, resolution or prosecution conducted or initiated by you – at the request of no one other than Meijer – would inevitably create an appearance that you were intervening in a legal problem for your political supporters, not protecting the citizens you were elected to represent.

6. We have been informed by a credible witness that you have already made off-the-record statements defending Meijer, suggesting you have pre-judged this matter prior to the conclusion of any investigation.

Please contact me if you have any questions or any intention of disregarding all or part of this request.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Bzdok

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Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney