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Dear Special Agent Anderson:

You may recall I drafted a letter to you dated August 20, 2014 seeking a criminal investigation to lead to presentations to a grand jury for indictments entailing the “Edmondson Amendment” of SB-294 (Act 859) of the 2014 Louisiana Legislative Session.

At the Louisiana State Police Retirement Board meeting yesterday, the Board voted unanimously to not defend (and agree to a consent judgment) any lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the law. Board Member (and Louisiana State Treasurer) John Kennedy even agreed to file the suit as an individual and pay the cost out of his own pocket. Likewise, State Sen. Dan Claitor actually did file a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the law. Sen. Claitor’s lawsuit also alleges that there was a “thwarting of the Legislative process.”

Agent Anderson, what happened regarding SB-294 was not some mistake, nor was it some innocent act. What happened was a concerted, **deliberate** attempt at pure theft by the upper brass of the Louisiana State Police, an agency charged with protecting Louisiana citizens from such criminal acts!

As I mentioned to you in my prior letter, there is a website that is a chronical listing of events entailing this theft. That website has now been updated up to, and including, yesterday’s Board Meeting, during which the Board’s system’s actuary revealed for the first time that one of the Board Members (Charles Dupuy, who serves as Col. Edmondson’s representative) actually orchestrated this whole attempted theft. While his act of criminal malfeasance in office clearly violated his fiduciary duty to the Board on which he serves, I seriously doubt that he was the “lone ranger” in this scandal. It’s very difficult for me to believe that LSP operations are of such a renegade nature that the LSP’s attorney was never consulted nor participated in this episode. I also firmly believe that strong evidence of involvement (and likely initiation) of this criminal act on the part of Gov. Jindal exists in the selection of State Sen. Neil Riser (a known strong Jindal ally) to serve on the Conference Committee and his agreement to sponsor the amendment (which he publicly denied doing in the days after the scandal broke). Further, Jindal Press Secretary Mike Reed flatly falsely stated that the Jindal Administration “did not realize the bill only affected two troopers” and then blamed everything on “the Legislature.”

I want to again place the website URL for your review and I want to thereafter emphasize “Act 14” of the “play.” First, the website URL is at the top of the next page:



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www.lspripoff.com

Now, if you click on Act 14 of the “play,” you’ll see strong evidence of further reckless malfeasance in office in the granting of state jobs to retired LSP Troopers (said to need to be in the “Edmondson Click” to qualify) who are rehired at a salary of \$49,500 (hence the nickname “the 49-5 club”) to perform menial tasks for Col. Edmondson and the office crew such as running errands for donuts, making the coffee in the morning for the office gang, etc. You’ll also note extensive evidence of nepotism as well as an allegation that LSP Deputy Undersecretary Jill Boudreaux improperly violated a Louisiana Civil Service prohibition regarding “retire-rehire” and “retired” on 4/28/10 (and received a \$46,000 incentive to do so), only to be rehired two days later (4/30/10) as an Unclassified Undersecretary at a salary \$26,600/year more than her previous position paid. Allegedly, when then-Commissioner of Administration Angele’ Davis insisted the incentive be repaid, Ms. Boudreaux declined to follow Ms. Davis’ admonition. Ms. Davis resigned soon thereafter and the matter faded into the sunset; however, interestingly enough, the daughter of Ms. Davis’ replacement, Paul Rainwater, was hired by LSP as a “specialist” (sorry, I don’t have the salary at which she was hired). While I do not have the timeframe of Mr. Rainwater’s daughter’s hiring, one simply cannot ignore the possibility that the hiring transpired as an incentive for Mr. Rainwater to “not push” Ms. Davis’ prior directive regarding repayment of the incentive.


The webpage at which all of this is outlined is: www.lspripoff.com/act14.htm

As you are probably aware, virtually all of the information provided is derived from two bloggers: Tom Aswell (www.louisianavoice.com) and C. B. Forgotston (www.forgotston.com). The “LSP Rip Off” website serves as a central source for consolidating events and providing added technical expertise in the way of video coverage of various aspects of this scandal. Followers of these blogs have repeatedly expressed the hope and expectation that “the Feds” are looking into all this and that we the citizenry are merely in the dark regarding that fact.

Having relayed the last sentence, I want to reiterate my sincere hope that there is an FBI investigation into not only the “Edmondson Amendment” itself but also what I feel is pretty compelling evidence (assuming what has been portrayed is accurate) of absolute reckless malfeasance in office regarding the payroll operations of the Louisiana State Police. Having said that, I want to conclude by expressing my sincere hope that your office is indeed investigating both the “Edmondson Amendment” and the payroll activities within Louisiana State Police. I know I speak for many Louisiana citizens who would express disappointment and discouragement if no such Federal investigation is either presently transpiring or planned.

Cc: U. S. Attorney Walt Green, Middle District of Louisiana

Sincerely,


Robert Edwin Burns