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Representative Kelly Breen
Chair, Judiciary Standing Committee
and Intake Attorney, Private Sector
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Dear Representative Breen,

RE: House Bill 5724

My testimony on June 12, 2024 regarding the above-captioned matter

I am following up to my emails and telephone calls to your office, which remain unreturned and unanswered.

I was prevented from testifying to the Committee on June 5, 2024 after being told by your Legislative Director, Rachel Hoekstra, that I would be “second on Zoom”. This is confirmed by the attached emails that Ms. Hoekstra and I exchanged prior to the meeting. I can only surmise that blocking my testimony may be due to the fact you are aware that my testimony does not align with your fellow bar members’ testimony, which was **extensively** allowed on June 5.

This aforementioned meeting started late, ended early, and the hearing room was apparently stacked to the gills with your fellow bar members, who were treated like veritable royalty. This included but was not limited to, their being permitted unfettered access with no restrictions, such as a 1- 2-minute time limits being placed on *their* testimony. On the other hand, there were restrictions of 1-2 minutes placed on the only TWO scant “commoners” who were allowed to offer a rebuttal. And of course, your fellow bar members were afforded **courtesy and respect**, which I and my fellow activists were not, of being provided with plenty of advance notice of the hearing. **We were given a mere two-day notice regarding this meeting**, which clearly was planned well in advance. It is highly doubtful that your fellow bar members would have been able to drop all of their prior commitments to attend on a two-day notice and some even travelled from as far away as their Detroit offices.

This would lead any **reasonable person** to arrive at the conclusion that you, in your roles as both Private Sector Attorney and Michigan State Representative, engaged in a blatant attempt to curry

favor with your fellow officers of the Court while giving short shrift to me and my fellow concerned citizens. We were refused the **same** right to speak and voice our **differing** opinions and or concerns, on equal footing, on June 5th.

On January 25, 2024, during the midst of a Michigan winter, I, an elderly 63-year-old man, went to great lengths to **tirelessly** visit dozens of the offices of the Michigan legislature in Lansing. I then sent a follow-up email on March 12, 2024 to the 11 of the 13 members of this Committee whose offices I had visited. This email was once again re-sent on June 4th, the day before my anticipated testimony.

In a nutshell, the reasons for my visit to the Committee members' offices was simple: It was and remains my endeavor and desire to see **real** reforms being made in the courts in Michigan and, in some cases, the way that many of the "Black Robe Disease" judges who sit on the bench, are essentially given carte blanche to do as they please. This occurs given the fact that there are essentially **no checks and balances** in place. It is a well-known fact that The Judicial Tenure Commission is a total sham and fraud of an organization and is currently undergoing a long-overdue Michigan Supreme Court-ordered "audit." If I had been "permitted" to speak on Wednesday, my follow-up question to Chief Justice Elizabeth Clement would have been to inquire if the results of this "audit" were going to be made public as well as also available by FOIA. This would help to remove any lingering doubts that this "audit" is perfunctory in nature and not genuine. In your role as Chair, you saw fit to *only* ask "soft-ball" questions, as you apparently did not want to "upset the apple cart" by asking any real **substantive** questions of your fellow bar members.

As corroborated by my attached official phone records from my telecommunications provider, per my MANY telephone conversations prior to the meeting with Director Matthew Carnage and Committee Clerk Melissa Sweet, and email correspondences with Ms. Hoekstra, it was made clear that I would be "second in Zoom." Therefore, imagine my justified and outright shock when I was **not** "second on Zoom" and the meeting abruptly ended early after the second Zoom caller.

My attached official phone records also prove that I made telephone calls while the meeting was **still** in progress to Ms. Hoekstra (#36) and Mr. Carnage (#35) as I was already becoming concerned that I was not being called. At the end of the meeting I **subsequently and immediately** followed up with a plethora of telephone calls to the 13 members of this standing committee. I remain highly appreciative of those committee members or their staff members who actually **answered their phones** and I was able to speak directly with their offices as opposed to those Representatives who names are listed as the unanswered telephone calls which went directly to voicemail. To add insult to injury, these Representatives then failed to return a citizen's **time-sensitive** call. A very special THANK YOU is also in order to the Representative who answered his own phone while his staff was at lunch and I spoke with him directly. Sadly, this gentleman is the **exception** and not the norm. Therefore, he is to be commended as being the textbook example of what a public servant *should* be and how to conduct yourself as a "by the people, for the people" elected official!

In light of the circumstances, and now that you have been presented with ALL of these cumulative and irrefutable facts, I look forward to **finally** addressing the committee on June 12th. **I also request that I be granted a 5 - 7-minute opportunity to speak**, as I have a great deal of highly relevant information to impart to the Committee members and citizens participating regarding this matter.

I also request that this letter to be submitted as part of the permanent written testimony. Please confirm my oral participation as requested and confirm the inclusion of my testimony in the record.

I await your prompt response.

Sincerely,


Peter De Filippis

Enclosure

Time Warner Cable

Phone Statement

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Account: [REDACTED]
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