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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND EMAIL

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Representative O'Donnell,

On or before April 7, 2023, I will dismiss all charges in *State of Oklahoma vs. Terry Scott O'Donnell and Teresa McAfee O'Donnell*, Oklahoma County Case Number CF-2021-5624.

After a thorough review of the matter, I have concluded that former Attorney General Mike Hunter referred you for investigation not in the interest of serving justice, but for the purpose of political retribution. It was no secret then, and it is well established now, that the former Attorney General had ample motive to target you. He concealed this motive from the District Attorney's office, resulting in a series of events that culminated in criminal indictments.

This is not to say that I find you blameless or endorse your conduct. I question your judgment in authoring legislation that resulted in a benefit for your family. Your decisions contributed significantly to the consequences you have endured. However, it appears that OKLA. CONST. ART. V § 24 has not been aggressively or equally enforced. The fact that you were singularly referred for prosecution guides my decision to dismiss the charges against you. In doing so, I make clear that this law, and all others, will be fairly and fully enforced in the future against all members of the Legislature.

I am aware the consequences of your indictment have been costly. You resigned a prestigious role as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives. You forfeited the lucrative business that had been part of your family for many years prior to your legislative service. And, you have undoubtedly spent thousands of dollars and countless hours defending the charges against you.

In closing, I remind you that you and I are servants to, of and for the People of Oklahoma, and we have a duty to be above reproach. I admonish you to remain true to the oath you have sworn. I will tolerate nothing less.

Gentner Drummond Attorney General