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December 15, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich
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Re: House Resolution 1650

Dear Governor Blagojevich:

Enclosed please find a copy of House Resolution 1650, which the Illinois House of Representatives adopted on December 15, 2008. Pursuant to this Resolution, a Special Investigative Committee has been created for the purpose of investigating allegations of your misconduct and making a recommendation to the full House as to whether cause exists for impeachment. Please note the Committee is required to submit a report to the House of Representatives prior to the expiration of the 95th General Assembly.

The Committee will meet tomorrow, December 16, at 10:00am to adopt rules of procedure and begin evidentiary hearings. The Committee would like to offer you an opportunity to participate in the investigation and requests that you, and your Counsel if you choose, appear before the Committee. You or your Counsel will have an opportunity to question any witnesses, examine any evidence presented to the Committee, and present evidence or witnesses on your behalf.

The Committee requests that you or your Counsel contact David Ellis, Counsel to the Committee, to advise if you will participate. Mr. Ellis is also available to address any questions you may have regarding the Committee's purpose or procedure. Mr. Ellis can be reached at (217) 782-3392.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Flynn Currie
House Majority Leader

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December 15, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE

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Re: Special Investigative Committee

Dear Mr. Sorosky,

In my capacity as Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, Michael J. Madigan, I have been attempting to speak with you by telephone this morning as a courtesy. I am contacting you because I understand you have been retained as counsel by the Governor. It is my expectation that, today, the Illinois House of Representatives will consider action to create a Special Investigative Committee to investigate allegations of misconduct against Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and to determine whether there exists cause for impeaching the Governor. In that event, the Special Investigative Committee's hearings would begin tomorrow, Tuesday, December 16, 2008, probably in the early morning.

The Governor may be present at these hearings and he may have counsel present. My intent this morning was simply to give you advance notice of the potential creation of that committee and the possibility of committee hearings beginning tomorrow. If the House takes formal action to create this Committee today, the Governor will be advised and I will contact you again. You can reach me at (217) 782-3392 and I will be happy to share any additional information.

Sincerely,

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David W. Ellis

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December 15, 2008

David Ellis
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Dear Mr. Ellis,

I am writing in response to your letter of December 15, 2008 in which you have invited the Governor or his counsel to be present at hearings before a Special Committee hearings commencing early Tuesday, December 16, 2008.

In House Speaker Madigan's press release regarding the Special Committee, he stressed that it was imperative that that due process not be sacrificed for "expediency's sake." The Special Committee is failing to follow the Speaker's directive. By giving the Governor and his counsel such short notice to be present before the Special Committee, the Governor's right to due process is being violated. Speaker Madigan's "demand" not to "allow passion and anger to overtake fidelity to the constitution and the rule of law" are being made "empty words" in light of lack of reasonable notice. These hearings should not commence until reasonable notice requirements have been fulfilled.

We also understand that the Committee may promulgate rules. Please send me a copy of these rules.

In addition, as you know, the Attorney General Act charges the Attorney General with the duty of representing the Governor, 15 ILCS 205/4. The Attorney General is conflicted in this matter in that she has filed an action in the Illinois Supreme Court seeking leave to file a complaint to remove the Governor from office. Before the Committee considers any substantive matter due process would seem to require the Committee to consider whether the Attorney General should be recused, and whether counsel of the Governor's choice be appointed to represent the Governor.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Sorosky