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The Honorable Todd Blanche  
Acting U.S. Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the taxpayers of Michigan to formally request that the U.S. Department of Justice open a federal investigation into Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and her administration.

The Michigan attorney general recently issued a 16-count felony indictment against Fay Beydoun, a close political ally and appointee of the governor, alleging Beydoun stole \$20 million from Michigan taxpayers by fraudulently misusing a state grant for personal expenses.

Under normal circumstances, state-level authorities should handle such matters. However, Michigan faces a unique crisis of oversight. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel maintains a well-documented personal friendship and political alliance with Gov. Whitmer. This relationship creates an inherent conflict of interest that calls into question whether the Michigan attorney general can impartially investigate the governor.

The \$20 million "Michigan enhancement grant" in question was awarded to a nonprofit created by Beydoun, Global Link International. The magnitude of the following details, among others, warrants a federal inquiry into a potential "pay-to-play" scheme:

- **Official appointments:** Gov. Whitmer appointed Beydoun to the Executive Committee of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which directly oversaw the grant's administration.
- **Political financing:** During the same period the \$20 million earmark was being negotiated, Beydoun personally donated over \$16,000 to Gov. Whitmer and hosted high-dollar fundraisers that funneled tens of thousands more into her campaign. She has a

history of contributing to high-profile Democrat candidates, including Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel.

- **Direct access and coordination:** Internal WhatsApp messages from February 2021 reveal Beydoun claiming she spoke directly with Gov. Whitmer to secure the funding as a “budget line item” and that gaining her support was “not a problem.”

The people of Michigan deserve to trust that taxpayer dollars are used to help Michigan families, not enrich political donors. Those who violate that trust should be held accountable, regardless of their office or connections.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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