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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DISTRICT 49

The Honorable Margaret Moore
Travis County District Attorney
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Dear District Attorney Moore:

I am writing to ask you and your office to immediately open an investigation into a massive letter writing campaign that appears to be fraudulent. Given that the issue involved is public education, and the critical importance of that to the people in my district and this county, I am asking that you move quickly to look into this.

According to multiple published news reports, a pro-voucher organization called Texans for Education Opportunity recently sent more than 17,000 letters to legislators supporting legislation that would create education savings accounts. Many of these letters were sent to my colleagues in the Texas House. The letters appear to target some of the more rural Republican members of the Texas House and Senate who oppose private school vouchers.

There is more than ample evidence to warrant an immediate investigation by you and your office into this troubling matter. For example, one of my current colleagues received hundreds of these letters, one of which was from a neighbor of his who is opposed to private school vouchers. Another one of my colleagues called "more than two dozen alleged letter writers" but could not find anyone who recalled signing the letter.

A former member of the Texas House, the Honorable Rick Hardcastle, has already asked his local district attorney to investigate this matter. One of these letters, which was postmarked from Austin and received by one of my colleagues, was allegedly signed by Mr. Hardcastle even though he neither remembers signing the letter nor supports private school vouchers. Given the extremely troubling circumstances surrounding these seemingly fraudulent letters, I hope you and your office will immediately open an investigation into this matter.

Thank you for your service to Travis County, and our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Hinojosa".

Gina Hinojosa

