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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 42

Rep. Morgan Meyer, Chairman
House General Investigating Committee
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768

Dear Chairman Meyer,

I am writing to you about your decision to convene a meeting of the House General Investigating Committee next Monday to hear testimony regarding the recent meeting and related communication between Speaker Dennis Bonnen and Empower Texans Director Michael Quinn Sullivan.

There are many who believe that the entire hearing should open to the public, and I agree with that sentiment.

Whether or not you decide to have any part the hearing closed to the public, I would respectfully ask that you allow me to attend the hearing including any possible executive session. I will not participate in any way other than listening to the discussion that is had. Additionally, I encourage you to extend an invitation to all House members to attend similarly, as the topic of the hearing certainly pertains to all of us as members.

As you know, the Texas Senate has on several occasions held "a Caucus of the Whole" where all 31 Senators meet, but it is not open to the public. At minimum, it is my request and hope you would allow the same for House Members.

Before sending this letter I called and left a voicemail message on your cell phone as well as texting you but I was unable to speak with you. Please feel free to call me at your earliest convenience anytime between now and the hearing. I can be reached on my cell phone: (956) 286-9500.

Thank you for your attention to my request. I look forward to the hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Peña Raymond".
Richard Peña Raymond