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The Honorable Pamela J. Bondi
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Re: Formal Request for Review of Potential Financial Irregularities and Potential Misuse of Taxpayer Funds by Certain Organizations in Michigan

Dear Attorney General Bondi,

As the Senate Republican Leader for the state of Michigan, I am writing to formally request that the Department of Justice initiate a comprehensive review of the financial activities and potential irregularities involving ACCESS Michigan, the National Association of Yemeni Americans (NAYA), the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).

Recent state oversight efforts have uncovered what appear to be concerning red flags suggesting that these organizations and agencies may be utilizing millions of state and federal dollars in ways that could subsidize partisan operations or provide legal services to individuals whose residency status may conflict with federal requirements.

I. NAYA: Potential Tax Inconsistencies and Oversight Concerns

The situation surrounding the National Association of Yemeni Americans suggests a significant lack of financial accountability that warrants federal attention.

- **Apparent failure to report revenue:** Despite receiving millions in state grants over the last five years, recent Michigan House Oversight Committee findings suggest that NAYA may not have filed federal taxes during this period. Their last available tax filing in 2021 reportedly claimed less than \$50,000 in revenue, which could indicate a serious discrepancy given the scale of state funding received.
- **Questions regarding social justice services:** NAYA recently requested \$800,000 for behavioral health and case management. However, NAYA's own materials potentially define their services as including immigration case management, but do not state whether this service is for illegal immigrants. I'm seeking clarity on whether health-dedicated funds might be utilized to provide services to people residing in the United States illegally.

II. ACCESS Michigan: Review of Funding Allocation and Allegations of Partisanship

In 2025, ACCESS reportedly received over \$5 million in federal funding for health care-related services. However, concerns have been raised regarding whether these funds might be used for activities that fall outside the scope of federal law:

- **Aid to individuals lacking recognized status:** While public materials focus on refugees, reports to my office suggest that legal assistance may be provided regardless of recognized refugee status, which could bypass certain federal guidelines.
- **Potential partisan commingling:** A current \$1 million state request seeks to build a headquarters intended to house the National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC). Given that the NNAAC may engage in partisan advocacy, I believe it is essential to ensure that taxpayer-funded infrastructure is not utilized to support political operations.
- **Clarity on fiscal boundaries:** I have not yet seen evidence of clear firewalls between health care services and immigration legal teams, suggesting that federal health dollars might potentially be subsidizing legal defenses in a manner inconsistent with federal law.

III. Review of Oversight by State Agencies (LEO, MEDC and MDHHS)

The purported failures of these organizations may reflect a broader lack of oversight by the state agencies responsible for fund administration.

- **MEDC oversight:** The MEDC is currently under scrutiny regarding a \$20 million grant involving an associate of the governor. This suggests a pattern where enhancement grants might bypass traditional accountability measures.
- **Questions of fiduciary duty:** It is the responsibility of LEO and MDHHS to ensure that federal pass-through dollars are not allocated to entities with significant tax-filing gaps. The failure to address these red flags could suggest a level of oversight that requires federal intervention to correct.

IV. Investigation of Reported Fraud in Dearborn Adult Care Facilities

I also urge the Department of Justice to investigate disturbing concerns recently raised by independent journalists regarding potential fraud within adult care homes located in Dearborn.

- **Allegations of systemic fraud:** Reporting published by independent journalists has highlighted potential financial misconduct and fraud within these facilities. These reports suggest a need to verify whether state or federal funds intended for the care of vulnerable adults are being misappropriated.
- **Protection of vulnerable residents:** Given the severity of these allegations, it is imperative to determine if the reported fraud has compromised the quality of care provided to residents. A federal review would ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used for their intended purpose.

Federal Legal Basis for Review Under Executive Order 14159 (2025)

The current administration has signaled that federal resources must not be used in ways that obstruct immigration enforcement or support entities that may facilitate unauthorized residency. Furthermore, I believe the reported financial discrepancies require oversight to see whether there have been violations of federal law.

The taxpayers of Michigan deserve a government that is transparent, and community health funding should not be used in any manner that might be unlawful or partisan. I respectfully request the DOJ's assistance in restoring integrity to these programs.

Sincerely,



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