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The Honorable Michael C. Turzai
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The Honorable Bryan Cutler
Majority Leader
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RE: Request to Leadership for Oversight Referral

Dear Mr. Speaker, Representative Cutler:

It has come to our attention that billionaire and ex-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has funded the creation of NYU's State Energy & Environmental Impact Center, which is designed to implant trained lawyers for environmental activist organizations within the offices of states attorneys general.

In the links below, it is reported that "Under terms of the arrangement, the fellows work solely to advance progressive environmental policy" and "the fellowships come with specific strings attached. '[AG] offices must agree to use prosecutors to 'advance progressive clean energy, climate change and environmental legal positions,'"

The report indicates this is a partisan political operation cloaked in secrecy to prevent the public from being aware of a concerted effort to affect policy by imbedding activists within the top law offices of the states. Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller (a Democrat) provided the reporter with an email from David J. Hayes to Democrat Attorneys General (No Republicans are part of the program) which stated "we are engaged with ethics experts and individuals in some of your offices to ensure confidentiality" of the work the program is involved in.

We have information that during this year's budget hearings the AG's office had been questioned about this program and the indications were these attorneys are being housed within DEP.

It is our request that the Speaker and Leader refer this information to the House Oversight Committee to examine the agreements between the State Energy and Environmental Impact Center and any agencies involved to determine the legal and ethical implications of an activist organization being housed within official state agencies for the purpose of driving a partisan political issue which would have financial effects on the people of the Commonwealth and government operations.

The referenced links:

https://eidclimate.org/massachusetts-attorney-general-sued-over-use-of-bloomberg-funded-attorneys/

https://www.realclearinvestigations.com/articles/2018/10/09/bloomberg_funds_green_work_of_democrat_state_attorneys_offices.html

https://cei.org/AGclimatescheme

We appreciate your attention to our request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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