February 2, 2022

Representative Samantha Kerkman and Senator Robert Cowles
Co-chairpersons of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear chairpersons Kerkman and Cowles, (CC: State Auditor Joe Chrisman)

We write today to formally request an audit of the Office of Special Counsel as created by the Wisconsin State Assembly Committee on Assembly Organization Ballot 21-06 ~ Authorization to designate special counsel, dated August 27, 2021.

Questions about the investigation’s objective, the number of OSC staff, and details about OSC’s accounting of taxpayers’ funds remain unanswered. This lack of information gives the OSC and its investigation the appearance of an unaccountable, rogue, and partisan commission engaged in possible fraud, waste, and mismanagement.

For the legislature and the taxpayers to have complete confidence that hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars are not being wasted, and that there is no possible illegal activity occurring at the OSC, we request an audit to provide answers to the following questions:

- What are the terms of the contracts, both verbal and written, between Michael Gableman and Speaker Vos?
- What documentation exists outlining the OSCs formal mission or objective?
- Has OSC or Gableman entered into any other contracts or subcontracts, and what are the details of any such contracts?
- What are the expenses that have been incurred and paid by the OSC?
- What are the cash balances in any and all accounts associated with the OSC?
- Why has Gableman missed deadlines to produce a formal report of the investigation findings?
- How many people were on OSC’s staff and what were their hiring and termination dates as of January, 2022?
- Is there documentation of OSC’s staff receiving reimbursement for expenses, health insurance coverage, retirement, or other benefits?
- What was the selection process used to hire these staff members?
- Were the staff’s working hours verified and an accounting made of the requirements for work performed?

We look forward to obtaining this information and gaining greater transparency for the ongoing operations of the Office of Special Counsel.

Please contact us if there are any questions about this request. Thank you for your consideration.

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State Senator

Tim Carpenter
State Senator

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State Representative

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