



GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 28, 2020

State Representative Jim Durkin  
House Minority Leader  
Special Investigating Committee II Petitioner  
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Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Dear Leader Durkin:

I am writing in response to your correspondence, which was received on September 24, 2020. In your letter you state that as one of the members who signed the petition establishing the Special Investigating Committee II under House Rule 91 you “will proceed with [your] petition or case in chief in the following manner:”

1. “...[you] will be presenting an opening statement at the September 29<sup>th</sup> [Special Investigating Committee II] hearing”;
1. “...[you], or [your] designated legal counsel, shall be the first party to ask questions of any of the witnesses who appear at the next or any subsequent hearing regarding the petition that was filed”; and
1. “...a representative of Commonwealth Edison has confirmed they will be in attendance to testify and that [you], or [your] designated legal counsel, will be questioning them on the Deferred Prosecution Agreement they entered into with the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois (Case Number 1:20-cr-00368).”


Please be advised, as a signatory to the petition establishing this Committee you were not eligible to be appointed to the Special Investigating Committee and would not be eligible to serve as a case manager or be appointed to the Select Committee on Discipline, should charges be authorized based on your petition and the later added charge. *See* House Rules 91(b), 93(b), and 94(a).

As House Minority Leader, you appointed three members of your caucus to this Committee to conduct this investigation. As already stated, as a signatory to the petition you are ineligible to participate in the investigation process.

Therefore, I do not intend to grant your requests, as doing so would be inappropriate and in violation of the process you invoked. Furthermore, as an individual with significant involvement in the energy legislation referenced in your petition, the Committee retains the right to call you as a witness as it conducts its investigation.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emanuel C. Welch".

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Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch, Chair  
Special Investigating Committee II  
Illinois House of Representatives  
101<sup>st</sup> General Assembly

CC: Rep. Tom Demmer, Minority Spokesperson, Special Investigating Committee II