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Representative James DeSana P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909

> Re: Testimony of Mr. John Poulos, Chief Executive Officer of Dominion Voting Systems

Dear Representatives Friske, DeSana, and Carra:

Your April 17, 2024 letters request my Department to open a criminal investigation related to the testimony of Mr. John Poulos, Chief Executive Officer of Dominion Voting Systems. You allege that he "*may* have provided misleading information under oath" to the Senate Oversight Committee investigating claims of fraud made after the 2020 election.

My Department has reviewed Mr. Poulos' recorded testimony, the Senate Oversight Committee's Report on the November 2020 Election, all three of your individual letters, Mr. Colbeck's letter to the Michigan State Police, the alleged evidence, and Michigan's relevant criminal statutes. Based on a thorough review of all relevant material, it is clear a criminal investigation is not warranted, and I respectfully decline your request.

In your letters to me, you included the supposed evidence of this potentially misleading testimony in the form of 51 documents. Review of these documents shows that they appear to be a carefully curated snippet of the more than 2,000 documents that were publicly shared by criminal defendant Stefanie Lambert in violation of a protective order.

I will remind you of the conclusion of your legislative colleagues in the Senate Oversight Committee's Report on the November 2020 Election in Michigan:

This Committee states that the data this chart summarizes, coming from the actual election artifacts in Antrim County, clearly and concisely shows that ideas and speculation that the Antrim County election workers or *outside entities* manipulated the vote by hand or electronically are indefensible. Further, the Committee is appalled at what can only be deduced as a willful

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ignorance or avoidance of this proof perpetrated by some leading such speculation. (Oversight Report, p 16) (emphasis added.)

This statement refutes exactly the behavior you are suggesting warrants opening a criminal investigation into Mr. Poulos.

In closing, I will remind you of the Committee's findings related to actions similar to what your letters reflect: "[t]he Committee finds such actions to be misleading and irresponsible, diminishing the overall credibility of those asserting this conclusion." (Oversight Report, pg 18).

Sincerely,

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