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MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**SCOTT DIANDA**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

March 10, 2016

Attorney General Bill Schuette  
G. Mennen Williams Building  
525 W. Ottawa Street  
P.O. Box 30212  
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Capitol View Building

Dear Attorney General Schuette:

I am writing in regards to the purchase of the Capitol View building by the State of Michigan for the purpose of Senate office space. My office, like many other offices, have had many requests from constituents for additional information regarding this purchase, as well as an in depth investigation of the purchase specifics. I am requesting an opinion from your office regarding the agreement and purchase specifics beyond the legalities of the contracts for purchase and renovation, which your office has already addressed.

Specifically, I am requesting that your office undertake an investigation and release an opinion as to the following:

1. The fiscal impact of the choice of the Capitol View building on the state budget
2. The appraisal process, including but not limited to the history of the building's prior purchase prices, any improvements, and comparable building values in the downtown area.
3. The comparable building values, and the information used to support a determination to purchase the building for a price possibly in excess of fair market value.
4. An analysis and opinion regarding the assessor's statements that the building is assessed at \$12 million, would cost \$22 million to build new, and understanding that the State paid \$41 million for said building, plus an additional \$10 million set aside for updates
5. An updated comparison of figures regarding the other options available to the State with the Capitol View projections included at fair market value
6. An opinion regarding the ability of elected officials to share space with lobby firms and lobbyists

With budget cuts and increasing costs, everyone in the state is being asked to tighten their budgets. I am requesting assistance to explain to my constituents why the State seems to be

overspending without regard to actual value, and an explanation of the process that concluded with the purchase. I appreciate your anticipated assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Dianda", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Dianda  
State Representative  
Michigan's 110<sup>th</sup> House District