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Rhode Island Ethics Commission
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Re: John Celona

Dear Mr. Gramitt:

At your request, John Celona has asked that this Office advise the Ethics Commission of the extent of his cooperation with an on-going Federal Investigation. We understand that certain complaints are pending before the Ethics Commission regarding John Celona. This Office makes no recommendation regarding the disposition of the matters before the Ethics Commission. However, to the extent legally permissible, we will inform you of the nature and the extent of John Celona's cooperation with the Federal investigation.

Attached is a copy of an Information and Plea Agreement between John Celona and the United States Attorney. According to the terms of the plea agreement, John Celona agreed to plead guilty to the Information and to cooperate with the United States in the on-going investigation. That investigation includes, but is not limited to, the individuals and entities referenced, but not named, in the Information.

As you may be aware, pursuant to the plea agreement, on August 25, 2005, John Celona plead guilty to the allegations contained in the Information. In addition, Mr. Celona has met with government representatives as often as necessary and provided what he has represented to be truthful information. He has done so even when the information has inculcated him. In addition, he has done so despite the fact that public knowledge of his cooperation with the investigation has exposed him and his family to harassment and, more significantly, to threats of physical harm. Accordingly, to date, it is our belief that John Celona has fully complied with the terms of the plea agreement and is providing significant assistance in an important public corruption investigation.

I trust that you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

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United States Attorney



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✓cc: William C. Dimitri, Esq. (w/o enclosures)