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Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Charles E. Walder
Geauga County Auditor
231 Main Street, Suite 1-A
Chardon, OH 44024

Re: Geauga Park District

Dear Mr. Walder:

As you know, we are legal counsel to the Geauga Park District ("GPD"). It recently came to our client's attention that your office has created a new tab on your office's web page titled "Public Transparency". While the web page does not yet contain much substantive content, GPD appears to be the focus. When GPD elected to become self-fiscal last year, you repeatedly made it clear that your office would not assist in any transition and your office refused to provide necessary information to enable a smooth transition, repeatedly calling it a separation. For whatever reason, GPD has long been a target of your wrath and constantly subjected to disparate and unfair treatment by you in your official capacity as auditor. You approach any issue involving GPD with an eye towards creating controversy.

We hereby demand that you remove the new tab on your office's web page and change your approach. GPD should be treated like any other governmental entity in this County as opposed to being constantly singled out by your office. Your actions are of no benefit to the taxpayers, are only designed to harass and inconvenience GPD, and appear to be politically motivated, especially now that you face an upcoming primary election.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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