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Subject: Gulen Network of Schools

Dear Governor Snyder,

My name is John Martin, and I am an attorney with the law firm Amsterdam & Partners LLP. I wanted to reach out to you regarding recent troubling discoveries in Michigan Charter Schools.

In Michigan, there are a network of charter schools where there have been serious allegations of, or highly suspected activities of financial mismanagement, suspected fraud, apparent self-dealing, discrimination, and unusual immigration/visa practices.

We represent the Republic of Turkey regarding an investigation of an exiled imam named Fetullah Gulen, who resides in Pennsylvania and surreptitiously oversees a nationwide network of nearly 200 charter schools. Amsterdam & Partners LLP has spent more than two years thoroughly researching and gathering information about these schools from public sources and former employees, parents and students in Michigan. We just released the findings in a book titled, *Empire of Deceit: An Investigation of the Gülen Charter School Network* www.empireofdeceit.com

Key Charter School Network Findings:

- Misuse of taxpayer funds totaling at least \$243 million.
- More than 6,504 H-1B visas to import unqualified Turkish teachers at a public cost of as much as \$26 million and lost jobs for American teachers.
- Nearly 81,000 students enrolled at Gülen schools across 27 states and the District of Columbia.
- Widespread manipulation of state mandated testing, grades and attendance figures.

Michigan has 1 school (Michigan Math and Science Academy) with 615 students with a total of \$5,290,707 in revenue with 18 H-1B employees.

Please see the Michigan specific fact sheet [HERE](#), and the Michigan Chapter [HERE](#).

I would also encourage you to view portions of Mark Hall's documentary, *Killing Ed*, located on the website. Mr. Hall, independently from Amsterdam & Partners, has been actively researching and filming these same issues since 2011.

We are continuing to do work in Michigan on these Gulen Schools and want to ensure you're fully aware and you and your staff have the opportunity to be briefed on this issue.

MEETING REQUEST: Would you be available for a call and/or in person meeting to discuss this pressing issue further? We can make ourselves available whenever your schedule permits.

We also welcome any questions. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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