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Dear Attorney General Clarkson:

On Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Jeff Landfield published an article in the Alaska Landmine describing alleged misconduct at the highest levels of the executive branch. If true, these allegations are deeply disturbing. As you know, the story claims that the Governor's Chief of Staff ordered Amy Demboski, a senior advisor to the Governor, to destroy physical and electronic records of a report requested by the Governor. The alleged conduct could form the basis for multiple criminal charges: Official Misconduct under AS 11.56.850 (suggested by Jeff Landfield), Coercion under AS 11.41.530, and Tampering with Public Records in the Second Degree under AS 11.56.820.

I recognize the authority to investigate and prosecute crimes rests with the executive branch, specifically in the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Law. If concerns arise about whether these departments are diligently and effectively investigating these serious allegations, however, it may be appropriate to call legislative hearings about how the executive branch addressed these disturbing allegations.

Given the seriousness of these allegations, I request your answers to three questions:

1. What steps has the Department of Law taken or does it intend to take to investigate these allegations?
2. Have you considered the appointment of a special prosecutor given that both individuals involved, Mr. Babcock and Ms. Demboski, as well as the subject of Demboski's report, Public Safety Commissioner Amanda Price, have or had senior positions within the executive branch?
3. Has the Department of Law made any determinations or findings about Ms. Demboski's report or the allegations against Mr. Babcock?

Please let me know if you have any questions. I would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Claman".

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