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The Honorable Hector Balderas  
Attorney General  
State of New Mexico  
408 Galisteo Street, Villagra Building  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: Investigation of the Secretary of State

Dear Attorney General Balderas:

I am creating a Special Committee of the House to investigate the charges that you have filed against the Secretary of State. The Special Committee will be charged with evaluating the evidence to determine if it sufficient to justify instigating the impeachment process. To that end, I am seeking your cooperation by sharing the case file with the Special Committee so that we can move as expeditiously as possible. We are very cognizant of the need to keep such evidence confidential, both to protect the integrity of your investigation and subsequent legal proceedings as well as to ensure that the accused is treated fairly and impartially.

I appreciate your cooperation with this request so that the House of Representatives can best fulfill the obligation to make an independent evaluation of the evidence and determination about what further action to take.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Tripp".

Don Tripp  
Speaker of the House

cc: The Honorable Nate Gentry, Majority Floor Leader, NM House of Representatives  
The Honorable Brian Egolf, Minority Floor Leader, NM House of Representatives  
Raul Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service