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Mr. Scott Rasmussen  
Eau Claire County Director of Finance  
Eau Claire County  
721 Oxford Ave  
Eau Claire, WI

Dear Mr. Scott Rasmussen:

It was brought to my attention that you are resigning from Eau Claire County as of Friday.

I want to thank you personally for your many years of service you provided Eau Claire County. I want you as well to know how grateful I am for bravery in raising the issue of collusion during the Larry Lokken and Kay Onarheim event. You single handedly cause a wave of positive change for department and agency accountability that was and is desperately needed.

As you may know and remember, I have raised the issue of collusion over eighteen years. During most of those years, I, my family and my businesses paid a heavy price (targeting, retaliation, intimidation and retribution) for my whistle blowing.

I was hoping at some point and time I would be able to have a thoughtful conversation with the Eau Claire Finance Department regarding Eau Claire County, Eau Claire City departments and outside agencies that "may have" been funded by Eau Claire County taxpayers to target myself, my family and my businesses over the years to keep my voice silenced.

If I need to go through a freedom of information act for discovery, could you let me know if that is the proper process and who I may need to speak with after your departure?

Thank you again for your honesty and integrity.

Best wishes to your new endeavors!

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