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State Representative, District 7
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John Kroger
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Dear Attorney General Kroger:

You recently received a letter from Representative Mike Schaufler regarding your office's involvement with special interest groups in working to undermine certain proposed energy projects. I share my Democratic colleague's opinion on this issue, and I'm writing to urge you to immediately fulfill every request he has outlined.

Though Brent Foster has left the Department of Justice, I remain deeply concerned about your actions to waive "conflict of interest" issues relating to his work. Mr. Foster's involvement in the LNG issue, as well as recent revelations regarding Hood River Juice, leads me to question your commitment to promoting "a positive business climate" and to defending "the rights of all Oregonians."

I am particularly troubled by your office's unwillingness to disclose documents relating to interactions between your office, various state agencies and various special interest groups. If you are a true advocate of making government records more accessible, why are you refusing to disclose 69 e-mails from an inquiring citizen?

The public's trust is at stake. If you believe in transparency and accountability, you would publicly release any information regarding Mr. Foster's work in your office and on behalf of special interest groups.

You recently visited my hometown of Roseburg to talk about how government can make the state friendlier to business. Unfortunately, your office has taken aggressive action to block projects that would improve our economy and put thousands of Oregonians back to work. Rather than allowing a private business to follow the state's permitting processes, your office's actions and your staff's behavior have only reinforced Oregon's reputation as a difficult place to do business.

Please keep me informed about your progress towards fulfilling Rep. Schaufler's requests.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hanna
State Representative

CC: Representative Mike Schaufler