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Re: Your Letter of June 28, 2012

Dear Ms. Goldman:

Thank you for your letter of June 28, 2012, concerning David Goldstein, who you identify as a reporter for *The Stranger*. Since you have written to confirm our discussion, I simply wish to make certain there is no misunderstanding as to its statements, or inferences that might be drawn from its statements.

Yesterday, I provided assurance to you that Mr. Goldstein will be allowed access to press conferences of the Attorney General's Office as a reporter for *The Stranger* on the same basis as other members of the media. That includes the expectation that Mr. Goldstein will not be disruptive. In this respect, I also assured you that Mr. Goldstein will not be individually cautioned in that respect. I do, however, wish to make it plain that this Office intends to protect its staff and other participants in such conferences from potential harm, and that it intends to ensure that its press conferences can be conducted professionally and efficiently.

In our conversation, you conveyed your understanding of events that occurred yesterday and your view of the law. I respect your understanding of those events and your legal view, but wish to make certain your letter is not mistaken as indicating agreement with either. Finally, as I indicated to you when we spoke, my assurances of yesterday, and those in this letter, relate to press conferences of the Attorney General's Office. To the extent your letter may be read to suggest broader application, such a reading would be incorrect.

A Mr. Holden of your client has left a voicemail for me asking several questions about this matter. I had understood our conversation yesterday to have resolved it. In any event, I trust you will explain to your client that under the Rules of Professional Conduct, I am not in a position to communicate with him.

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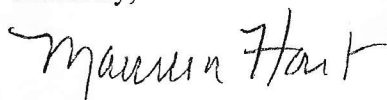
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I do not see much point in rehashing past events that have led to concern with Mr. Goldstein's participation in press conferences of this Office based upon his prior participation. However, in light of your follow up question, I believe the following post of Mr. Goldstein's from March 25, 2010, also may be of interest to you in understanding, in part, why there would be concern with Mr. Goldstein's understanding of expectations yesterday. I provide an excerpt below (emphasis in the original).

"Tomorrow at noon, pro-health care reform protestors will gather at the Tivoli Fountain on the Capitol campus in Olympia, and then march to the Attorney General's office at 1125 Washington Street SE to deliver over 10,000 petitions demanding that AG Rob McKenna drop his lawsuit to block implementation of the Affordable Health Insurance Act. No doubt the protestors will be polite, disciplined and well mannered. *But I sure as hell hope not...*

Tomorrow at the AG's office, let the polite petitioners do their thing, but if you're pissed off at Rob McKenna for pandering to Teabaggers and threatening health care reform with his cheap political ploy, I encourage you to show up at his office and make a ruckus. Get loud, get angry, *get threatening*. I don't particularly want to see any actual violence or property damage, but I'd love to see the genuine *fear* of it. Let McKenna and the media know that we may be peaceniks, but that doesn't mean we're not mad. Let them know that if they don't start taking our side seriously... well... it's not our fault if some people get out of hand."

Sincerely,



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