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The Honorable Kimberly B. Gray
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Dear Ms. Gray,

I have received and reviewed your August 18th letter requesting that the Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney's Office initiate a full, complete and immediate investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding a procurement contract between NAH LLC and the City of Richmond to remove city-owned Confederate statues.

Mr. Devon M. Henry is the owner or principal of NAH LLC. It has come to my attention that Mr. Henry donated money to my husband's campaign in 2011. Although the amount of money donated over nine years ago may not be significant and my husband is no longer in that elective position, it is incumbent upon me to maintain the public trust in this office and to avoid even the appearance of impropriety because of any actions taken by my office.

In addition, Va. Code Section 52-8.2 provides that "no investigation of an elected official of...any political subdivision to determine whether a criminal violation has occurred under the provisions of Section 52-8.1 shall be initiated, undertaken or continued except upon the request of the Governor, Attorney General or a grand jury."

Therefore, for both of the reasons stated above, I respectfully decline your request.

Sincerely,

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