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Via Email and Certified Mail

The Honorable Cindy Byrd
Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector
123 State Capitol Building
2300 North Lincoln Boulevard
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RE: Allegations of Wrongdoing Regarding the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority
Request for Investigative Audit

Dear Auditor Byrd:

I have had many conversations over the past few months with legislators, community leaders, private citizens and state employees who have expressed a wide array of concerns with the financial conduct of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (“OTA”). These concerns include but are not limited to improper transfers between the OTA and the Department of Transportation; improper contracting and purchasing practices; and inadequate internal financial controls.

Additionally, I am aware of a District Court’s finding that the OTA “willfully” violated the Open Meeting Act. Such a blatant disregard for openness and transparency suggests to me a willingness to engage in any manner of unlawful conduct.

I am resolved to have all relevant information that will help me determine whether the OTA is in full compliance with the law. Therefore, pursuant to 74 O.S. § 18f, I am requesting an investigative audit of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

Please let me know if you need additional information or direction. The Office of the Attorney General stands ready to assist your efforts in any way possible.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gentner F. Drummond".

GENTNER F. DRUMMOND
Oklahoma Attorney General