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Attorney General Peter Kilmartin
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Dear Attorney General Kilmartin,

I am requesting that you reconsider your decision and please release documents relating to the four-year probe into 38 Studios. The people of Rhode Island deserve transparency on this investigation. I stand with many including Governor Raimondo, John Marion of Common Cause, ACLU, and the League of Women Voters.

I understand that testimony before a grand jury is confidential, but as the Attorney General you can petition the Judge to allow the release of information in this case.

During your press conference you and State Police Superintendent Steven O'Donnell indicated that 38 Studios was a 'bad business deal, but did not warrant criminal indictments'. Other than the fact that some indictments were rendered in the Station Nightclub Fire, how is this different? Former Attorney General Patrick Lynch recognized the public's right to know in the Station Fire in order to move the state forward.

Certainly some information falls under APRA exemptions and cannot be disclosed, but the people of Rhode Island are entitled to know something about the 'bad business deal' of 38 Studios and the four-year investigation. It's the public's right to access information; and it's about open, good government.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Representative Deborah Ruggiero

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cc: Colonel Steven O'Donnell, Governor Raimondo, John Marion, Steve Brown