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From: Thomas E. Perez [mailto:tperez@dllr.state.md.us]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 12:01 PM

To: Lewis, Adrienne

Subject: RE: from Adrienne Lewis...at the ol' County Council

Sorry about the delay in responding. I am glad to hear you are doing well.

Your situation sounds like a real sticky wicket. Have you discussed at all with Mike Faden to pick his brain on where to go with it. Mike is a good trouble shooter. I will give it further thought.

tom

From: Lewis, Adrienne [mailto:Adrienne.Lewis@montgomerycountymd.gov]

Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2007 2:26 PM

To: Thomas E. Perez

Subject: from Adrienne Lewis...at the ol' County Council

Dear Tom,

Congratulations on your appointment as Secretary to the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. I imagine that hanging about in Baltimore is a bit more exciting than downtown Rockville!

I have enjoyed working with Marc Elrich very much. He is a terrific person and one of a kind here at the Council. It may be all Democrats now but the scene has not really changed at all – except for Marc. I anticipate that his character will cause some of the members of the Council to wake up and take note.

When I worked for Howie I began work on a constituent's land-rights case. This case continues today. Despite the concerted efforts of Tom Dagley and others, the constituent has yet to have any relief for more than 2 years. I am hitting a large number of “dead ends” when trying to get this case resolved. Too many people are looking the other way or passing the buck to some other department. **No accountability** on any aspect of this case.

A core issue is that the problems began when a county DPS inspector facilitated an illegal forest clearing. The inspector then involved a MNCPPC inspector. The MNCPPC inspector, a licensed forester and his boss, a licensed Landscape Architect, made a series of misrepresentations. Consequently, DPS and MNCPPC circled the wagons and contended for 16 months that a violation had never occurred. With the intervention of a number of County and State Legislators and the USDA, MNCPPC reversed itself, admitted that a violation had occurred, yet essentially refused to take any corrective action. Likewise, DPS has refused to take any action against anyone involved with the wrongdoing.

Another point in the case is evidence of an individual who represents himself as an engineer in at a number of land development projects. The individual's resume indicates that he has been involved with many projects in Maryland over the past 30 years, yet your office has no record of him ever being licensed and says that such conduct is a jailable offense. The constituent is a fraud detection expert who has been working with Congress on issues relating to problems within FEMA. He has very strong evidence of wrongdoing in the form of contemporaneous affidavits, videotape and other materials. I and several others believe there seems to be a great resistance on the part of County and MNCPPC officials to take any corrective action because of the

magnitude of the implications. Consequently, every time local officials learn more of the issues, rather than take appropriate action, they attempt to cover it up.

Inasmuch as the case involves four or more state licensed professionals, I was wondering if you believed you could help in any way, and if so, if you could expedite the process. The aggrieved constituent has suffered a six figure loss in the value of his property and tremendous impact upon his quality of life. He has a wife and two small children. Based upon what I have observed in the County, I am reluctant to suggest that he file any complaints unless I believe they will have some traction. The transgressions against him for attempting to seek relief from the County and MNCPPC are increasing.

I am most appreciative of any advice that you can give me.

Thank you for your time,

Adrienne

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