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[REDACTED]; Dennis Raga <[REDACTED]>; Maripat Oliver
<[REDACTED]>; Felix George <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Security Breach: immediate action

My name is Bonnie Kurowski. Two months ago I requested a FOIA. It is my right to do so legally and your job to fulfill it when possible. I expected the FOIA to be treated as policy dictated, that if anyone requested my FOIA it would be through a FOIA officer and my personal information would be redacted. This is the process for anyone asking for information from DuPage Township and all other government agencies under FOIA laws. It is why you certify your FOIA officer.

So I followed process and requested by FOIA, who FOIAed my FOIA request.

My request was denied. It was denied because there was no request for my submitted FOIA by legal channels.

Which means someone there bypassed the process, disregarded FOIA laws, stepped on the duties of your FOIA officer, made a decision to send it out, even though not properly trained, and sent my request to media without a certified Foia certificate in their name.

The Township is now Liable. My personal info was not redacted. I was not treated properly and under the laws that protect me, and my rights were harmed. This harm caused my name and reputation to be defamed. The "fake media" that was sent my information has since removed the wrong information, but the damage was done over a month of post before removal. No apology or retraction was offered.

Therefore, one of the board, a recipient of my request, used Township email and leaked my request and private information to a person who calls himself a member of the media violating my rights. This is now a civil and criminal matter.

This person, Trustee Allysia Benford, not only leaked my request information but invoked this person to take criminal action. This included cyber stalking, harassment, calling my employment, posting liable information publically about me, as well as releasing my company information.

The laws broken were not only criminal cyber stalking laws, civil laws for violating FOIA laws, defamation, but IL Ethics laws too.

This violated IL ethics act 2-480 (5) conflict of interest, 2-483 (b) prohibited employment, 2-484(a) improper use of confidential information, and 2-486 whistleblower protections.

Due to the number of criminal and civil violations that transpired because of the leak, I have had no choice but to submit for State Whistleblower violations today and launch another State Investigation for ethics violations. This is now located in the States Attorneys office in Dupage.

I am calling for the Supervisor and Trustees to take immediate action, violate her, investigate her leaks, report them to the proper authorities, and secure the Township from all threats she has exposed the Township to, while waiting on the States Attorney action.

I'm requesting that upon this complaint, an investigator should promptly conduct a jurisdictional investigation to determine whether the person named in my complaint has leaked any classified information, not just mine, and to what extent these leaks affect local and national level governmental security breaches.

I'm also asking that she be censured at a special meeting scheduled ASAP to prevent her access and votes from further meetings and documents until a full investigation is run, government information is secured, and a summary of the breach is sent to the correct authorities. Failure to do so will show me you are not taking me or the security of your private information of residents seriously. I will report that immediately to the authorities and media.

Not doing these things within the next 30 days will prompt me to pursue Federal level action with my documents as supporting proof. I reserve the right to seek criminal and civil action if deemed necessary. I will seek restitution for my time, costs, and misc for violations of the data breach and include other breach information I have acquired.

I am hoping you take government security important. You have been given the job to protect the employees, elected officials, and residents personal information safe from harm. You failed me and possibly many others and have yet to take action.

According to US Intelligence Agency reports, Federal employee leaks are a serious matter. You have a Federal Employee doing it for political gain.

If you or I feel you cannot, or will not, take it seriously, and it is not handled properly, I can and will assist by personally escalating it to the National Security Division of the Department of Justice, and enclose this request and information on your response, or lack there of. I am aware of the processes that need to take place and how important it is. I hope it does not need to get escalated to that point.

I look forward to your update within 30 days of this letter. I can be reached at [REDACTED] with questions.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Kurowsk