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Ms. Allison Shirk  
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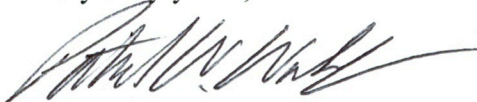
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RE: Representative James Durkin

Dear Ms. Shirk:

Please let this letter confirm that I represent James Durkin in connection with your story "about the capital bill House Minority Leader Jim Durkin was promising in exchange for campaign cash". The "line" is absolutely untrue and a lie. You do not have a good faith basis to believe any such allegation is truthful. As such, you personally and your employer(s) can be held liable for publication of the underlying defamatory allegation(s). You are hereby notified to cease and desist from publishing false and per se defamatory "stories" about Mr. Durkin. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Patrick W. Walsh

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