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Dear Commissioner Wake,

Over the last several weeks, concerning details have come to light about developers and lobbyists with donor and political ties to Premier Doug Ford and the Ontario PC Party being invited to participate in two Ford family events. The Premier is obligated to avoid conflict and the appearance of conflict.

Given this, I am requesting an opinion on whether the Premier has acted improperly with respect to these events.

On August 11th, 2022, a family wedding fundraiser known as a “stag and doe” was hosted at the Premier’s home. Reports from Global News list tickets for this event at \$150, and that additional communications solicited donations for \$1,000 for the Premier’s daughter’s wedding. Invitees included developers and lobbyists, with invitees later telling journalists they felt “browbeaten” into purchasing tickets. Some expressed concern about risking their professional reputations by being seen as “trying to gain influence by paying for his daughter’s wedding.”

Several of the individuals and developers who attended the subsequent wedding have received favourable Minister’s Zoning Orders and at least one has benefited from recent policy changes related to Greenbelt land removals.

I am concerned that invitees felt pressured to contribute to the Premier’s family fundraiser, particularly as some invitees felt they weren’t being asked as “friends” of the Premier – but as government stakeholders -- and feared impacts on their professional reputations and working relationships with the government.

I am requesting that your office investigate whether sections 2, 4, and 6(1) of the Members’ Integrity Act have been breached by Premier Doug Ford, the MPP for Etobicoke North, as well as whether the Premier may have violated Principles 3 and 4 of the Act or any other parliamentary conventions.

The attached affidavit and exhibits outline what in my opinion is a troubling pattern of ongoing government policy decisions benefiting particular private interests of individuals and developers with ties to the Premier through these two events.

I would be happy to discuss the matter with you in greater detail and look forward to your response.

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