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Dear Sir,

As Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition of the Commonwealth of Dominica, and as my civic duty, I have a responsibility to ensure that the laws of our country are faithfully and fairly enforced. That, especially in cases where I believe a crime may have been committed with regard to our electoral laws. Therefore, please accept this letter as a formal request that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the Commonwealth of Dominica Police Force interviews Vince Henderson, Dominica Labour Party candidate for the November 25, 2021 by-election.

This request is made as Vince Henderson may have violated our nation's Constitution and electoral laws which prohibit anyone in the public service, and/or in a position of emolument in service to the State, from being accepted to run in any election on Nomination Day.

It is widely known that Mr. Henderson has been serving as Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Dominica to the United States of America (USA) and the Organization of American States (OAS) since 2016. Up until November 9th, 2021 – Nomination Day - there was no public announcement by the Government of Dominica that Vince Henderson was recalled or had resigned from his position as Ambassador to the United States and/or tendered his credentials of withdrawal as Ambassador to the USA and the Organization of American States OAS.

Despite the absence of any such public announcement of resignation from his ambassadorial office of emolument in service to the State, Mr. Henderson executed the requisite statutory declaration of qualification for election to the

House of Assembly in breach of the qualifying criteria for such election provided in our Constitution and electoral laws. Additionally, Mr. Henderson appears to have made a false or untrue declaration in the nomination process for which he may be criminally liable under the Statutory Declarations Act Chapter 5:53.

In your investigation of this matter, it is my further request that Mr. Henderson provides CID with duly authenticated letters, under the oath of the Minister of Foreign Affairs or Chief Establishment Officer, confirming that such letters of resignation and withdrawal of credentials to the OAS/USA were tendered prior to November 9, 2021. Where such letters cannot be provided to CID by Mr. Henderson upon request, a crime has been committed under our electoral laws and criminal charges must issue.

Sir, as you know the Grandbay bye-election is scheduled to take place on November 25, 2021. Therefore, time is of the essence and as such we trust you shall act with the appropriate dispatch in investigating and/or prosecuting this matter. It is my additional request that you immediately notify the Director of Public Prosecutions of your findings so that she may move with alacrity in charging Mr. Henderson with violation of our electoral laws, where he is unable to tender the duly authenticated documents of resignation/withdrawal referenced above.

Do note that I am willing to provide whatever assistance may be needed in the investigation of this matter.

Sincerely yours,



HON. LENNOX LINTON
Leader of the Opposition

CC: Chairman – Dominica Electoral Commission
Chief Elections Officer
Director of Public Prosecutions
Mr. Vince Henderson