

The Honorable Shannon Taylor  
Candidate for Virginia Attorney General  
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June 9, 2025

Dear Ms. Taylor,

As elected officials, we write to express our serious concerns regarding the unprecedented campaign contributions you have received from Dominion Energy Virginia, totaling approximately \$650,000 according to recent reports. This substantial financial support from a regulated utility company raises significant ethical questions that warrant immediate attention.

### **Regulatory Conflicts and Prosecutorial Independence**

The Virginia Attorney General's Office holds critical regulatory oversight responsibilities over Dominion Energy as a state-regulated utility. The Attorney General routinely appears in cases involving utility rate structures, environmental compliance, and consumer protection matters where Dominion Energy is the opposing party. This creates an inherent conflict of interest when a candidate for this office accepts contributions from the very entity they would be responsible for regulating and potentially prosecuting.

### **Ethical Standards for Virginia Attorneys and Prosecutors**

Virginia's Rules of Professional Conduct and the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act establish clear standards that govern the conduct of attorneys and public officials. The Virginia State Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct require attorneys to avoid conflicts of interest that could compromise their professional judgment or create an appearance of impropriety.

For prosecutors specifically, the ethical standards are even more stringent. The Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council guidelines emphasize that public officials must avoid accepting gifts or favors that could reasonably influence their official duties. While political contributions are generally permitted, the unprecedented scale of Dominion Energy's support raises questions about whether this financial relationship could impair the independent judgment required for effective prosecution and regulation.

### **Precedent and Public Trust**

The scale of these contributions appears to be unprecedented in Virginia Attorney General races. This level of corporate influence over a candidate seeking the state's highest law enforcement position undermines public confidence in the independence and integrity of the office. Virginians have a right to expect that their Attorney General will make decisions based on law and facts, not on obligations to major campaign donors.

### **Appearance of Impropriety**

Virginia's ethical standards recognize that the appearance of impropriety can be as damaging as actual impropriety. The substantial financial support from Dominion Energy creates a reasonable perception that the Attorney General's office could be compromised in its regulatory and enforcement duties regarding this major utility company.

### **Call for Action**

We respectfully urge you to consider the following actions to address these ethical concerns:

1. *Immediate Disclosure:* Provide full transparency regarding all contributions from Dominion Energy, including since your last filing and on an ongoing basis throughout the campaign, including direct contributions, contributions from executives, and any in-kind support.
2. *Recusal Commitment:* Commit to recusing yourself and your office from any matters involving Dominion Energy should you be elected, with cases handled by independent counsel.
3. *Public Explanation:* Provide a detailed public explanation of how you plan to maintain prosecutorial independence despite this significant financial relationship.

The integrity of Virginia's legal system depends on the independence and impartiality of the Attorney General's office. We believe that addressing these concerns proactively will strengthen both your candidacy and the public's trust in the office you seek to hold.

We look forward to your response and remain committed to ensuring that Virginia's Attorney General serves the public interest with the highest ethical standards.

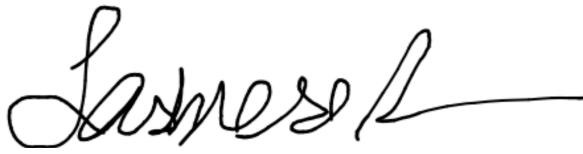
Sincerely,



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Former Member of Congress, VA-05



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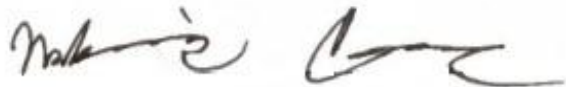
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