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Honorable Chris Harris
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Honorable Morgan McGarvey
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Dear Representative Harris and Senator McGarvey:

This office received your letter requesting the appointment of a special prosecutor or bipartisan special prosecuting team to investigate some of the pardons issued by former Governor Matt Bevin.

I stand by the outstanding work of Kentucky's prosecutors and respect the decisions of juries who convict wrongdoers. While Kentucky's Constitution gives the Governor the power to pardon a person convicted of a crime, I believe the pardon power should be used sparingly and only after great deliberation with due concern for public safety.

As the chief law enforcement officer for the Commonwealth, I am committed to providing a voice for the voiceless, to fighting on behalf of our law enforcement community, and to serving Kentuckians. I am also committed to working with federal, state, and local partners.

After taking office, I discussed this matter with some of our law enforcement partners. After this discussion, I decided to send a formal request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to investigate this matter. As you may know, the Office of the Attorney General has a successful partnership with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies through a public corruption task force, and I have told the FBI that my office is willing to assist in any way that it needs.

Thank you for your dedicated service and representation of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Cameron', with a stylized, cursive script.

Daniel Cameron
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