



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pam Bondi
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

I write to request a Department of Justice investigation into an apparent bribery and prosecutorial misconduct scheme involving the Democrat Attorneys General Association (DAGA), States United Democracy Center (SUDC), and multiple state attorneys general offices. As a Representative from Arizona's Eighth Congressional District, where many of my constituents have been directly harmed by these alleged abuses, I have a responsibility to ensure federal law enforcement is addressing this matter with appropriate urgency.

Court filings in *State of Arizona v. Kelli Ward et al.* have exposed what appears to be a coordinated effort by partisan organizations to influence criminal prosecutions through financial payments to state attorneys general.¹ The allegations are serious and warrant thorough federal investigation:

Financial Payments for Prosecutorial Influence: According to court records, Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes received \$200,000 from DAGA in two payments—\$50,000 shortly after hiring SUDC in May 2023, and \$150,000 shortly following the announcement of indictments in April 2024.² The timing of these payments raises significant concerns about quid pro quo arrangements.

Unprecedented Attorney-Client Relationship: The Arizona Attorney General's Office claims an attorney-client relationship with SUDC, effectively granting a politically aligned nonprofit organization control over a criminal

¹ Defendant Christina Bobb's Notice of Lodging Motion to Disqualify Arizona Attorney General and States United from Further Prosecuting This Matter, *State v. Bobb*, No. CR2024-006850-016 (Ariz. Super. Ct. June 4, 2025); Defendant Christina Bobb's Motion to Disqualify the Attorney General, Her Office, and States United Democracy Center from Further Prosecuting This Matter, *State v. Bobb*, No. CR2024-006850-016 (Ariz. Super. Ct. June 4, 2025).

² Defendant Christina Bobb's Motion to Disqualify the Attorney General, Her Office, and States United Democracy Center from Further Prosecuting This Matter at 8, *State v. Bobb*, No. CR2024-006850-016 (Ariz. Super. Ct. June 4, 2025) (citing DAGA Tax Form expenditures to Mayes showing \$50,000 payment on Sept. 5, 2023 and \$150,000 payment on July 3, 2024); *see also* Exhibit P, DAGA Tax Form Expenditures.

prosecution.³ This arrangement appears to violate fundamental principles of prosecutorial independence and due process.

Organizational Structure Designed for Coordination: Tax filings reveal that SUDC shares the same address, leadership, and bank accounts with the Progressive State Leadership Committee, which in turn claims to be an "initiative of" DAGA.⁴ This organizational structure appears designed to obscure the flow of money and coordination between a partisan political organization and state law enforcement.

The principals behind SUDC have established records of questionable legal conduct. Marc Elias, co-founder of SUDC, was sanctioned by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in March 2021 for "redundant and misleading" conduct and lack of candor with the Court.⁵ The appellate court found that Elias and his legal team filed duplicate motions without disclosing that an identical motion had already been denied, violating their duty of candor to the Court. As part of the sanctions, Elias was required to complete ethics education specifically on candor with courts.⁶ This documented pattern of deceptive legal practices raises serious questions about SUDC's role in prosecutions across multiple states.

To that end, their rogue and unethical conduct is not isolated to Arizona. Evidence suggests similar arrangements exist in other states where DAGA has made payments to attorneys general who subsequently initiated politically motivated prosecutions. In Michigan, courts recently dismissed similar charges, finding not only insufficient evidence of criminal intent, but that the State's own witnesses indicated no crime had occurred.⁷ This disturbing pattern suggests a coordinated strategy rather than independent law enforcement decisions based on evidence. The arrangement described above threatens fundamental Constitutional protections, including, among other things, the Right to Due Process and Equal Protection.

³ Defendant Christina Bobb's Motion to Disqualify at 4-5, *State v. Bobb*, No. CR2024-006850-016 (Ariz. Super. Ct. June 4, 2025) (describing contract signed by Daniel Barr on behalf of AG's office and AG's assertion of attorney-client privilege); *see also* Exhibit A, Letter of Engagement (May 4, 2023); Exhibit C, Email from AG Kim Hunley (Dec. 12, 2024) ("However, the State maintains that this was not a waiver of the attorney-client privilege. The State will not provide additional information from States United because of the attorney-client privilege.").

⁴ Defendant Christina Bobb's Motion to Disqualify at 7, *State v. Bobb*, No. CR2024-006850-016 (Ariz. Super. Ct. June 4, 2025) ("Upon examination of tax filings, the Progressive State Leaders Committee ('PSLC') has the exact same address, president, executive director, and nearly identical leadership team as the Democratic Attorneys General Association (DAGA).... Additionally, DAGA pays the salaries of the PSLC employees."); *see also* Exhibit M (PSLC Form 990), Exhibit N (DAGA Form 990).

⁵ *Texas v. Hotze*, No. 20-50774, slip op. at 2 (5th Cir. Mar. 11, 2021) (order imposing sanctions) ("This inexplicable failure to disclose the earlier denial of their motion violated their duty of candor to the court."); *see also* AG Paxton: Fifth Circuit Issues Sanctions Against Perkins Coie, TEX. ATT'Y GEN. (Mar. 11, 2021), <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/ag-paxton-fifth-circuit-issues-sanctions-against-perkins-coie>; Karen Sloan, 5th Circuit Sanctions Marc Elias and Other Perkins Coie Lawyers for 'Redundant and Misleading' Motion, A.B.A. J. (Mar. 14, 2021), <https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/5th-circuit-sanctions-marc-elias-and-other-perkins-coie-lawyers-for-redundant-and-misleading-motion>.

⁶ Jordan Boyd, Elias Loses Bid to Have Sanctions Rescinded for Shady Legal Tactics, JOHN LOCKE FOUND. (Jan. 17, 2022), <https://www.johnlocke.org/elias-loses-bid-to-have-sanctions-rescinded-for-shady-legal-tactics/> ("As part of his punishment, the court demanded Elias pay attorneys' fees and double costs as well as 'complete one hour of Continuing Legal Education in the area of Ethics and Professionalism, specifically candor with the court.'"); *see also* *Texas v. Hotze*, No. 20-50774 (5th Cir. Mar. 11, 2021) (order imposing sanctions).

⁷ Transcript of Proceedings at 5-6, *People v. Chatfield*, No. 24-002436-FY (54B Dist. Ct. Sept. 9, 2025) (Judge Kristen D. Simmons stating: "This is a fraud case, and we have to prove intent, and I don't believe that there's sufficient evidence to prove intent.... I believe that they were executing their constitutional right to seek redress, and that's based on the statements of all of the people's witnesses."); *see also* David Eggert, Michigan Judge Dismisses Charges Against 15 Pro-Trump 'Fake Electors', NPR (Sept. 9, 2025), <https://www.npr.org/2025/09/09/nx-s1-5535584/michigan-fake-electors-trump-charges-dropped>; Bill Hutchinson, Michigan Judge Dismisses Case Against 15 Alleged 'Fake Electors' in 2020 Presidential Election, ABC NEWS (Sept. 9, 2025), <https://abcnews.go.com/US/michigan-judge-dismisses-case-15-alleged-fake-electors/story?id=125399789>.

My constituents, including veterans and seniors who make up a significant portion of AZ-08, deserve confidence their taxpayer dollars ensure law enforcement decisions affecting their rights are made impartially, and are not going to partisan Democrat-affiliated organizations.

Therefore, I respectfully request responses to the following within 30 days:

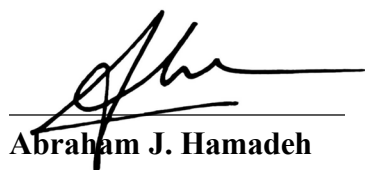
1. What is the status, if any, of the Department of Justice's investigation into the arrangements such as those between DAGA, SUDC, and state attorneys general offices, including but not limited to Arizona?
2. Has the Department identified similar financial arrangements between DAGA and other state attorneys general involving pending or recently filed criminal prosecutions?
3. What steps is the Department taking to ensure that defendants in cases where SUDC has involvement receive due process protections, including full disclosure of financial arrangements that may create prosecutorial conflicts of interest?
4. Has the Department obtained and reviewed tax filings, banking records, and communications between DAGA, SUDC, the Progressive State Leadership Committee, and state attorneys general offices to trace the flow of funds and coordination?
5. What is the expected timeline for completing this investigation and making any findings public?

The allegations outlined above, if substantiated, represent a fundamental corruption of prosecutorial independence and the rule of law. My constituents and all Americans deserve to know that criminal prosecutions are conducted based on evidence and law, not influenced by financial payments from partisan political organizations.

I respectfully request a written response to this letter within 30 days, and I am available to discuss this matter with you at your earliest convenience. Please contact me or my Legislative Director Cam Erickson at Cameron.Erickson@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-4576 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Abraham J. Hamadeh

Member of Congress

Arizona's Eighth Congressional District

cc: The Honorable Donald J. Trump, The President of the United States
The Honorable Kash Patel, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Honorable Kurt B. Olsen, Esq., The White House
The Honorable Edward R. Martin, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice