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Honorable Letitia James
Office of the Attorney General
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224-0341

Dear Attorney General James:

Allegations have recently emerged that public resources may have been used in the development and promotion of the Governor's book, "American Crisis: Leadership Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic." As Comptroller of the State of New York, I am vested with the broad constitutional and statutory duty and authority to, among other things, superintend the fiscal concerns of the state, audit the accounts of public officers and keep accurate and proper books, audit all state payments including the payroll for public employees, review and approve state contracts, and conduct audits of all state entities.

Pursuant to Executive Law §63(3), I hereby request that your office investigate the alleged commission of any indictable offense or offenses in violation of the law occurring or commencing prior to the date of this referral related to the use of property, services or resources of the state for personal purposes, private business purposes or other compensated non-governmental purposes by the Executive Chamber including, but not limited to, in the drafting, editing, sale and promotion of the Governor's book and any related financial or business transactions. I further confer to you the authority to prosecute the person or persons believed to have committed the same and any crime or offense arising out of such investigation or prosecution or both, including but not limited to appearing before and presenting all such matters to a grand jury; and take whatever other action you deem appropriate.

In accordance with our long-standing partnership with your office, we stand ready to partner with you in this investigation and provide any assistance necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. P. DiNapoli".

Thomas P. DiNapoli
State Comptroller