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**Subject:** WDMI

Paul: I respectfully request that you reconsider the rationale of poor performance as the basis for my dismissal. It is in our mutual interest to retract this erroneous explanation while there is still time. Please simply state that a presidentially appointed position is not an entitlement. No other explanation is needed.

As you know, I have assiduously avoided public comment by pursuing an informal version of the "witness protection program" in order to elude reporters! However, the legal community in Grand Rapids and organizations throughout Michigan are outraged that I am being labeled "a poor performer". Politics may not be a pleasant reason but the truth is compelling. Know that I am considered a personification of ethics and productivity. And as you surely realize, the unresolved Phil Green situation has definitely complicated the perception of DOJ in WDMI.

The notoriety of being one of the "USA-8" coupled with my age being constantly cited in the press is proving to be a formidable obstacle to securing employment. The best resolution with regard to both timing and outcome is the assistant director position at the NAC. I have already made it clear to the OLE Director that you do not consider former United States Attorney status a barrier to continued DOJ service. I ask that you endorse or otherwise encourage my selection for reasons discussed in previous e-mails. Given the quality and quantity of my contribution during the past 5+ years, I am confident that you are willing to provide affirmative assistance.

Margaret