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Angela Castilleja, Executive Director
Wendy Burgower, Chair
Texas Bar Foundation

*Via email: acastilleja@texbf.org
Via email: wburgower@schlangesilver.com*

Dear Ms. Castilleja and Ms. Burgower,

Our office has recently received complaints concerning the activities of the Texas Bar Foundation, alleging that the Texas Bar Foundation is knowingly giving donations to entities that encourage, participate in, and fund illegal immigration at the Texas-Mexico border. Specifically, the complaints indicate the Texas Bar Foundation provides grants to organizations that support, fund, and encourage illegal immigration. The complaints allege this is an improper use of charitable funds such that funds are diverted from their intended purpose.

In order to properly evaluate these complaints, we would appreciate receiving from the Texas Bar Foundation:

- a. Documentation reflecting award of grants to immigration related charitable programs and organizations for the past 10 years;
- b. Documentation reflecting your monitoring, reporting and accountability requirements for use of those funds awarded to such organizations;
- c. Documents supporting the Foundation's final accounting and reporting from the grantee organizations reflecting how the funds were specifically utilized; and
- d. All board and/or committee meeting minutes discussing the awarding, monitoring, reporting and accounting of any such programs and/or grantee organizations.
- e. Names of appointees made to the Texas Bar Foundation by the current State Bar of Texas President Sylvia Borunda Firth.

We appreciate your assistance in this review and look forward to hearing from you within the next week. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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