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Hon Laurence Skelly MHK
Legislative Buildings, Finch Road
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Dear Mr President,

As you are aware, candidates are currently seeking election to the Isle of Man's Legislative Council. As I am sure you would agree, when seeking public office, it is important for members and prospective members of Tynwald to act transparently and openly about relevant financial connections.

Consequently, I'm writing to ask you to investigate any possible payment(s) or so-called "donations" from Legislative Council candidates to Members of the House of Keys, and to investigate why any such payment(s) or so-called "donations" have not been declared publicly on the Tynwald website by either candidates or Members.

I would be grateful if you could consider the following four key points:

- 1) Have any payment(s) or so-called "donations" (either financially, or in kind) been made by Legislative Council candidates to either people who are currently Members of the House of Keys or registered Manx political parties in the last three years?
- 2) If any such payment(s) or so-called "donations" were made, why have no Legislative Council candidate(s) declared this publicly as part of their nomination papers to Tynwald?
- 3) If any such payment(s) or so-called "donations" were made, why has there been no declaration recorded by any Member(s) of the House of Keys on the 'Register of Interests' published on the public Tynwald website?
- 4) When you find that such payments have been made, what action will you recommend in relation to any offending candidate(s) and Member(s), and what action will you take to avoid the repeat of any such behaviour?

Thank you in advance for giving this due consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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