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**Re: Federal Air Marshal Deputy Director Possibly Involved in Ethical and Criminal Misconduct.**

Good day,

On Friday June 14, 2024 TSA Administrator Pekoske announced via an agency wide broadcast that he had appointed Polly Hanson as the Deputy Director of the Federal Air Marshal Service. Deputy Director Hanson was previously the Chief of the Amtrak Police in 2015. While overseeing the Amtrak police force she became the focus of an ethical and possible criminal investigation. The Amtrak Inspector General opened up an investigation into the awarding of a million dollar contract to Hanson's then live in boyfriend Kerry Thomas. Mr. Thomas at the time was a Senior Director at ABS Consulting in Virginia.

According to media articles and court documents Thomas was granted a contract to train Amtrak police officers and that Hanson was directly involved in the process for awarding the contract. Hanson never disclosed that she had an intimate personal and financial relationship with Thomas. A federal judge ordered that Hanson turn over her banking records because it was discovered that Thomas had co-owned a condominium with Hanson with the mortgage in both names. Shortly after the judge ordered she turn over her banking records she resigned from her position as Chief of Police, stopping the investigation.

As the Deputy Director of the Federal Air Marshal Service Hanson is back in a position of public trust, and will have a top secret security clearance. Hanson abruptly resigned while under investigation before that investigation could come to a conclusion on whether or not she violated ethical and possible criminal laws. Specifically, Hanson might have violated 18 USC 641 Embezzlement and 18 USC 371 Conspiracy to violate federal law if it is found that she engaged in awarding this contract with the intent of financially benefiting from it. Additionally, in her current position Hanson will ultimately be in charge of all purchasing and contracts for the



Federal Air Marshal Service. If the allegations are true this is akin to letting the fox into the hen house.

It is paramount that senior leaders within our Department of Homeland Security federal law enforcement community hold the highest standards of integrity and moral character. We respectfully request that this investigation be re-opened by your office to ensure Hanson is eligible to hold a position of public trust and a top secret security clearance.

Respectfully,

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