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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

SELECT COMMITTEE ON STATE CONTRACT PRACTICES

September 25, 1974

Ms. Nancy Shukaitis  
Chairman  
Monroe County Commissioners  
~~Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18360~~

Dear Ms. Shukaitis:

I have your letter of September 21, 1974.

Nowhere in the investigation into the operations of the maintenance office of PennDOT in Monroe County did your name appear. There was no evidence incriminating you.

Until charges were made involving you at the hearing on September 20, there was, I repeat, no indication of any wrongdoing by you.

In any event, I invite you to submit to the Committee a written affidavit setting forth your views. This affidavit will have the full force and effect of testimony in my opinion, and will be gladly received by the Committee.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick A. Gleason".

Patrick A. Gleason  
Chairman

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September 21, 1974

The Honorable Patrick Gleason, Chairman  
House Committee on Contract Practices  
State Capitol  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gleason:

I placed a call to your Office on September 19, 1974 and was asked to leave my number since you were in hearings, which I did. Not having heard from you or your staff, I called again on September 20 and, since you again were in hearings, I was asked to talk to Attorney Friend, Special Counsel, who was not available at that time but who, I was informed, would return my call at our Court House number. I was available at our Court House until 6 p.m. on September 20th and received no call in this regard.

My question is one of procedure in Commonwealth hearings such as those now being held when witnesses before you mention the names of persons not present at the hearings in any manner that raises question, doubt, suspicion, etc.

My name was reported in the news media locally and undoubtedly across the State as a person who may have deliberately performed an illegal act. This reference was made in hearings held on Wednesday, September 18, 1974.

I would like to know what provision there is for a citizen referred to as stated above to place on record his or her response to such testimony.

I would gladly prepare a written affidavit on the specific issue discussed and to submit a general statement on patronage in Monroe County as I have known it since the election of Governor Scranton, or to appear before your Committee and place these two important items on record and to be questioned regarding my role in the Monroe County Republican Party.

I urgently await your response as I am not satisfied to see my name or that of any other individual placed in a questionable position without being given a time and place to respond in a reasonable manner.

Sincerely yours,

*Nancy Shukaitis*  
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Commissioner