





September 15, 2022

The Honorable Thomas J. Miller Attorney General of Iowa President, National Association of Attorneys General Hoover State Office Building 1305 E. Walnut St. Des Moines, IA 50319

RE: Response to August 5, 2022 Correspondence from Hon. Miller

Dear Attorney General Miller:

Thank you for your August 5, 2022 correspondence. We appreciate your interest in working through the range of issues that attorneys general from across the country have brought to your attention regarding the leftward drift of the National Association of Attorneys General. We look forward to working with you to restructure NAAG so that it may attain its mission of "foster[ing] bipartisan engagement and cooperation among attorneys general and their staffs on legal and law enforcement issues." ¹

We are pleased that, on behalf of the organization, you have committed to the structural changes we suggested. We will have some more specific revisions in due course and look forward to working with you to implement these necessary reforms.

At the same time, we are in agreement that a key part of any NAAG reform must include financial reform. NAAG boasts more than \$280 million in total assets.² The association's annual operating budget is about \$5.1 million.³ While NAAG should continue to maintain a reasonable operating budget to meet its mission, we do not understand how that mission requires that NAAG retain over \$280 million in assets

 2 NAAG 2021 Annual Report, NAAG.ORG, https://www.naag.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/04/2021-NAAG-Annual-Report-2022-04-28-1.pdf at 26.

About NAAG: Collaboration, Insight, and Expertise, NAAG.ORG, https://www.naag.org/about-naag/#:~:text=NAAG%20delivers%20nonpartisan%2C%20trusted%20information,of%20attorneys%20general%20to%20society.

Kevin Daley, Republican AGs Battle 'Woke' Law Enforcement, FREEBEACON.COM (May 6, 2022), https://freebeacon.com/democrats/republican-ags-battle-woke-law-enforcement/.

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and the associated income from those assets. As NAAG's former executive director has acknowledged, this money belongs to the States.⁴ For these reasons, we write to ask NAAG to commit to discussions regarding mechanisms for returning these assets to the States.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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⁴ Chris Toth Letter to Attorney General Reyes (Feb. 8, 2022).

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