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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to demand that the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) and the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC) immediately open an investigation into Andrew S. Boutros, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, based on his conduct in the grand jury proceedings of the “Broadview Six” case. Mr. Boutros’s conduct was so appalling that U.S. District Judge April Perry, who has read “hundreds, if not thousands” of grand jury transcripts, said she had *never seen anything like it*.<sup>1</sup> It is imperative that your offices investigate the blatant abuses of the grand jury process that Mr. Boutros has perpetrated.

As revealed in shocking newly released grand jury transcripts, Mr. Boutros’s outrageous conduct warrants a complete and thorough investigation. Last October, Mr. Boutros and his office asked a grand jury to indict six local Democratic politicians and activists for protesting outside the Broadview Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility in a Chicago suburb. The grand jury rejected that indictment. So Mr. Boutros and his prosecutors returned the next week to execute a whole slew of dirty tactics—lobbying individual grand jurors outside the grand jury room, vouching for their own evidence, and even unlawfully dismissing one juror who called the case “a crock of shit,” something only judges—not prosecutors—have the legal authority to do.<sup>2</sup> When one juror asked whether the government had “unlimited tries” to obtain an indictment, the lead prosecutor answered, “I don’t think we have to worry about that.”<sup>3</sup> Then Mr. Boutros personally appeared before a panel and invited any grand juror “struggling” with

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<sup>1</sup> Matt Masterson, *Feds Drop All Charges in ‘Broadview Six’ Case Following Closed-Door Meeting Over Grand Jury Transcripts*, WTTW NEWS (May 21, 2026), <https://news.wttw.com/2026/05/21/broadview-six-no-longer-set-trial-next-week-following-closed-door-meeting-over-grand>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*; Katelyn Polantz, *Grand Juror Called DOJ’s Controversial Chicago Protest Indictment ‘a Crock’ Before It Was Approved, Transcript Shows*, CNN (June 9, 2026), <https://www.cnn.com/2026/06/09/politics/grand-jury-transcripts-broadview-six-indictment>.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*; see also Sara Tenenbaum & Hannah Meisel, *Newly Released “Broadview Six” Grand Jury Transcript Shows Prosecutors Vouched for Case, Dismissed Skeptical Jurors*, CBS NEWS (June 9, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/broadview-6-grand-jury-transcripts-partially-released-alleged-prosecutor-misconduct/>.

“the immigration cases” to “raise your hand and identify yourself, because we have a different procedure for that” besides serving on the grand jury.<sup>4</sup> Hours later, on its third try, the government finally secured its indictment.

None of this is how justice is supposed to work in America. Enshrined in our Constitution, grand juries are supposed to stand as a neutral arbiter between the state and the accused, carefully weighing the evidence and rejecting flimsy or unjust charges on behalf of the people. By tampering with the grand jury, Mr. Boutros and his team corrupted and contaminated the deliberative process, hollowed out the protection that the Constitution guarantees and violated the would-be defendants’ right to due process. This misconduct violates the prosecutor’s ethical obligations to “seek justice, not merely to convict” and numerous other rules prohibiting undue influence and official coercion of the grand jury.<sup>5</sup>

Even more egregious is the cover-up that followed. When Judge Perry ordered the grand jury transcripts produced before trial, the government delivered versions redacted to conceal precisely that misconduct. The judge called those shocking redactions “the most problematic” part of the record and noted that they raised “potential ethical violations, including lack of candor to the court.”<sup>6</sup> Confronted with the full record, Mr. Boutros was left with no choice but to dismiss all charges with prejudice on the eve of trial.<sup>7</sup> This is what the court had to say about Mr. Boutros’s conduct during the episode: “Your sole goal is to do justice. Your client is justice itself. **I do believe deeply in the presumption of regularity and that most government attorneys are doing the best they can to do the right thing. That trust has been broken.**”<sup>8</sup> One hundred and eleven former federal prosecutors from the district decried Mr. Boutros’s

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<sup>4</sup> Sara Tenenbaum & Hannah Meisel, *Newly Released “Broadview Six” Grand Jury Transcript Shows Prosecutors Vouched for Case, Dismissed Skeptical Jurors*, CBS NEWS (June 9, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/broadview-6-grand-jury-transcripts-partially-released-alleged-prosecutor-misconduct/>; Ed White, *Chicago US Attorney Defends His Meddling with Grand Jury Process over Immigration Protest Case*, ASSOC. PRESS (June 3, 2026), <https://apnews.com/article/chicago-prosecutor-immigration-protest-case-grand-jury-dc74910978c134ebb6bdb8053c44d51c>.

<sup>5</sup> Illinois Code of Professional Conduct Rule 3.8: Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor; American Bar Association Model Rule 3.8, maybe Illinois Rule 3.5, ABA Module Rule 3.8.

<sup>6</sup> Todd Feurer, *After “Broadview Six” Case Falls Apart, U.S. Attorney Orders “Sweeping” Grand Jury Reforms*, CBS NEWS (May 27, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/broadview-six-fallout-us-attorney-grand-jury-reforms/>; see also Aziz Huq, *DOJ Attorney Misconduct Wave Fueled in Part by Court Deference*, BLOOMBERG L. (May 27, 2026), <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/legal-exchange-insights-and-commentary/doj-attorney-misconduct-wave-fueled-in-part-by-court-deference>; Dahlia Lithwick & Mark Joseph Stern, *The DOJ Just Admitted to Weaponizing a Prosecution Against Trump’s Foes*, SLATE (May 22, 2026), <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2026/05/broadview-six-doj-weaponizing-prosecution-trump-enemies.html>.

<sup>7</sup> Sara Tenenbaum & Todd Feurer, *All Charges Dismissed Against “Broadview Six,” Defense Says Grand Jury Transcript Revealed “Gross Misconduct,”* CBS NEWS (May 22, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/charges-dismissed-broadview-six-grand-jury-transcript/>.

<sup>8</sup> Alan Feuer, *As Trump Politicizes Justice Dept., Prosecutors Struggle with Grand Juries*, N.Y. TIMES (May 26, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/05/26/us/politics/trump-justice-department-grand-juries.html>.

“failure of leadership” through this episode. Both of Illinois’s U.S. Senators have called for his resignation, and another federal judge recently said his office faces a “credibility crisis.”<sup>9</sup>

Mr. Boutros’s misconduct has done incalculable damage to public confidence in his office, in the Department of Justice (DOJ), and in the rule of law. He also appears to have violated the DOJ Justice Manual, Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6, and the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct, including Rules 3.3, 3.8, and 8.4(d)—rules that require candor to the courts and prohibit conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice. Investigations into those violations are critical first steps to begin rebuilding the public confidence that Mr. Boutros has smashed up and destroyed. Accordingly, I request that OPR and the ARDC immediately investigate the conduct of Mr. Boutros and all DOJ personnel responsible for the Broadview Six grand jury proceedings and the redaction of the resulting transcripts.

Very truly yours,

  
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Jamie Raskin  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman

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<sup>9</sup> Jon Seidel, *Transcripts Show Tension, Improprieties During ‘Broadview 6’ Grand Jury Hearings*, CHI. SUN-TIMES (June 9, 2026), <https://chicago.suntimes.com/immigration/2026/06/09/broadview-six-grand-jury-midway-blitz-boutros-trump>; Jon Seidel & Tina Sfondeles, *Chicago’s Top Federal Prosecutor Details Unusual Briefing of Grand Jury Ahead of ‘Broadview Six’ Indictment*, CHI. SUN-TIMES (June 2, 2026), <https://chicago.suntimes.com/politics/2026/06/02/durbin-duckworth-boutros-broadview-ice-trump>.