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**More asks Alvarez to investigate Foxx pay to play**

Chicago, IL, February 29, 2016 – Cook County State's Attorney candidate Donna More today urged incumbent Anita Alvarez to open an investigation into pay to play schemes that have been reported in connection with the campaign of another challenger, Kim Foxx.

In a letter dated today, More noted news reports and inferences by Alvarez herself in recent debates that Kim Foxx engaged in pay to play schemes in return for political favors and campaign contributions.

"We put Rod Blagojevich in jail for this kind of activity," More said, "and now the machine wants voters to overlook criminal behavior so that they can have control of the State's Attorney's Office. It is unconscionable!"

More's Letter to Alvarez is below

Dear State's Attorney Alvarez:

During two debates and in two separate articles in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, there have been strong inferences that Kim Foxx has been involved in pay to play schemes while chief of staff to the Cook County Board President. In particular, Dan Mihalopoulos referred to a deal involving the award of a \$10 million no-bid contract to political ally John Kelly in return for contributions to Ms. Foxx's campaign.

I hope that your Special Prosecutions Unit is investigating this case of potential public corruption. Since you yourself have pledged to make the work of your office more transparent, now seems like the right time to act on that pledge. To keep voters in the dark about alleged criminal activity by a candidate for State's Attorney, the highest prosecutorial office in the justice system, seems too egregious an offense even for the likes of Cook County.

Many, including Ms. Foxx and her supporters, will characterize your investigation as political maneuvering. Not me. For no matter who wins or loses the election, our highest and first priority should be the integrity of the person who occupies the seat. Voters are the jury and they ought to know the truth

I urge you to pursue every legal measure in this matter. The disclosure of relevant facts is an essential step toward restoring the public's faith in our system.

Sincerely,

Donna More  
Concerned Candidate for Cook County State's Attorney