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Dear Ms. Graves:

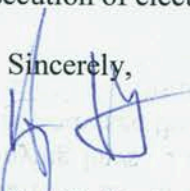
The Department of Justice is in receipt of your correspondence dated May 17, 2012, in which you requested an investigation into the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) to ensure that the organization is in compliance with state tax and lobbying laws.

The Government Accountability Board (GAB) is the agency primarily responsible for investigating allegations of violations of lobbying laws. I am forwarding your complaint to the GAB. The Department of Justice, however, has advised the GAB we will provide any assistance it may need. If you have any additional specific information regarding the belief that this organization has violated lobbying laws, I suggest that you provide this additional information directly to the GAB.

The Department of Revenue is the agency primarily responsible for investigating allegations of tax fraud. Again, the Department of Justice has an excellent working relationship with that agency and is happy to assist with any tax fraud questions, investigations, and prosecutions. If you have any specific information that ALEC has violated Wisconsin tax laws, I suggest that you provide this information directly to the Department of Revenue.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with the Attorney General. I can assure you this office will continue to work with the GAB and the Department of Revenue and local prosecutors when requested in the investigation and prosecution of election and tax laws.

Sincerely,

  
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