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November 07, 2023

The Honorable Merrick Garland  
Attorney General of the United States  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Garland,

I write to express concern of a severe Hatch Act violation by a federal employee of the Department of Justice (DOJ). Anne Donahue, who works as a General Schedule attorney at the DOJ, is also actively running for the Loudoun County School Board. Her political activity while operating as a federal attorney severely erodes the integrity of our executive branch, and I request that you investigate her employment and candidacy for any federal violations.

According to the Hatch Act, an individual employed by an executive agency or in a position within the competitive service, of which Ms. Donahue is both, may not participate in partisan political activities. Ms. Donohue has blatantly run as a Democrat for the “non-partisan” At-Large position on the Loudon County School Board, asking voters to join “us” at a canvassing event in Leesburg for “Russet Pery, Marty Martinez, and the rest of the Democrats up and down the ticket!”<sup>1</sup> Additionally, federal employees are prohibited from using government resources for partisan political activities, which includes government time, under the Hatch Act. Yet, time and time again, Ms. Donohue’s political campaign twitter has been used during normal business hours to “like” and “repost” partisan political events.

In 2021, you sent a memo to notify officials that the DOJ would use its authority and resources to target parents at school board meetings and “prosecute them when appropriate.”<sup>2</sup> Subsequently, on October 13, 2023, Ms. Donahue advertised a political event with Red Wine & Blue Virginia, a Democrat political organization, saying, “Are you tired of the so-called “Parents’ Rights” extremists attacking our kids and public education?”<sup>3</sup> The DOJ has been weaponized by the Biden administration against concerned parents at school board meetings, including labeling them as domestic terrorists.

<sup>1</sup> <https://twitter.com/anneforatlarge/status/1713020706009608684>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download>

<sup>3</sup> <https://x.com/anneforatlarge/status/1713020060292301146?s=20>

Federal employees using their occupations for political gain tarnishes the credibility of our political system. I request that you investigate this matter to the fullest extent, and if necessary, terminate Ms. Donahue's employment at once.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronny Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Ronny L. Jackson  
Member of Congress