From: Doug O’Meara Dover Ohio Law Director

To: The citizens of Dover.

It has been a difficult last 14 months that have been endured by the people of Dover, Dover city council, and Dover employees. On March 11, 2022, the Tuscarawas County grand jury returned indictments on fifteen counts of criminal activity by the mayor of Dover.

The investigations by the Ohio Auditor of State, the Ethics Commission, and the council of the city of Dover revealed extensive criminal misconduct that resulted in these charges. The fifteen charges state very serious allegations including felony tax violations, felony theft in office, and felony unlawful interest in a public contract.

The mayor and his friends have spent a great deal of time and effort to denigrate these investigations, Dover’s city council, and the dedicated employees who put their jobs and reputations on the line.

Three individuals and their families have suffered the offenses lodged against them with fortitude and dignity. Eva Newsome, Dave Douglas, and Gerry Mroczkowski endured not only the indignities of false allegations against them, but serious financial consequences. They knew when they truthfully answered questions during the investigations that this mayor would eventually retaliate against them. They were right. These criminal charges against the mayor represent the beginning of the end of the lengthy legal process.

Extensive costs have been incurred by the city of Dover directly because of the misconduct of the mayor. Dover, its dedicated city council, and these employees have followed the path towards a just outcome. It has been a difficult and trying time. We know that we will prevail against all wrongdoing by this mayor and those who have cooperated with him to the detriment of the city of Dover, its employees, and its citizens.

We ask for patience as the remaining steps toward a just conclusion are realized. Perseverance is required. Dover will continue to strive towards the rightful resolution.