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By Email (press@sanders.senate.gov) and First Class Mail

The Honorable Bernard Sanders
United States Senate
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Request for information and documents related to Burlington College

Dear Senator Sanders:

After a summary of the Mueller Report was released by the Department of Justice you told a reporter that “What we need right now is to see the full report.” You also demanded the release of all information related to the Special Counsel investigation into Russian Collusion in the 2016 election:

I don't want a summary of the Mueller report. I want the whole damn report ... because nobody is above the law.

As the leading announced candidate for the Democrat nomination for President of the United States, I call on you to apply this same standard of transparency to yourself. Under your proposed standard, surely you would agree that all investigative material related to the criminal bank fraud investigation involving you and your wife should be released. That material should include documents related to you and your office's involvement in procuring that fraudulent loan, which you have refused to disclose. You should also answer questions detailing the full extent of your and your office's communications with bank officials regarding this fraudulent loan, which you have refused to do.

Unlike President Trump, who was categorically and publicly exonerated by the investigation, you and your wife received no exoneration, public or otherwise. Indeed, the only evidence that there was even a declination of prosecution is a statement by your paid spokesman saying so. Therefore, we also call on you to reveal any documentation evidencing a declination to bring criminal charges and all correspondence between your lawyers and the investigating authorities.

In a recent fundraising letter, you approvingly quoted President Trump who said “Let [the Mueller Report] come out, let the people see it.” Just as you called for the “Trump administration to make the full Mueller Report public as soon as possible,” we call on you to release these records without delay. Because, to paraphrase one of your other points, “no one, including [a United States Senator], is above the law.” I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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