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Holding a public elected office is a public trust and is enforceable by criminal sanctions for violations of such trust. The public has a right to expect all elected public office holders to hold office for the public benefit and not for their own personal benefit or for the benefit of their family members. In Ohio, the law specifically defines abuses of such trust and when such abuses occur, a criminal investigation can be initiated by the Ohio Ethics Commission and other law enforcement agencies including, but not limited to, county sheriffs and prosecutors. Such is the case regarding the indictment filed this date, copy attached, by the Butler County Grand Jury charging Alan V. Daniel, age 76, with seven (7) counts which includes charges for having an unlawful interest in a public contract and using or authorizing the use of his authority or influence of his office to secure anything of value.

The indicted offenses are felonies and misdemeanors. They allege Mr. Daniel's participation as a voting member of the Butler County Board of Zoning Appeals, from which he has recently resigned, and his participation as a voting member of the Board of Madison Township Trustees that benefited him personally and/or a member of his family. Mr. Daniel has been an elected Madison Township Trustee for approximately twenty nine (29) years. The investigation leading to the indictment was conducted by the Butler County Sheriff working in cooperation with the investigation and referral for prosecution by the Ohio Ethics Commission, both of whom worked the investigation over the past year. As in all prosecutions, one charged in an indictment is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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