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**Leader Armstrong "Appalled" After Invoices Show Truth Commission PR Firm
Conducted Political Opposition Research on Legislators**

Calls on Chair Romero to publicly explain the invoices, release all work product and answer who directed the research

SANTA FE, NM – House Republican Leader Gail Armstrong (R-Magdalena) said today she was appalled after reviewing an invoice showing that the taxpayer-funded public relations firm hired by the New Mexico Survivor Truth Commission conducted political opposition research on members of the New Mexico Legislature, less than three months before a critical election and without the knowledge of the full Commission.

Representative Andrea Reeb (R-Clovis), a member of the Commission, requested the invoice from the Legislative Council Service and brought them to Leader Armstrong. The invoice was submitted by Dini von Mueffling Consulting (DVMC), the firm retained under Chair **Andrea Romero (D-Santa Fe)**.

An August 24 entry bills taxpayers for an "internal call on other NM state Legislature members, political backgrounds, prior work before coming to the Commission and Legislature, known associates and history." Other entries bill for research into Commission members' "party affiliations," "public sentiment towards R/D," and "NM party politics, partisan deals." None of this has anything to do with the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein. It is political opposition research, paid for by taxpayers.

Representative Reeb and Representative Bill Hall, the two Republican members of the four-member Commission, were never told this research was being conducted, and none of it was ever shared with them.

*"When Representative Reeb showed me these invoices, I was appalled," said **Leader Armstrong**. "Chair Romero had a taxpayer-funded PR firm running political opposition research on members of the Legislature, digging into our backgrounds and our associates, just before an important election. And she did it behind the backs of at least half her own Commission. This Commission was created to find the truth for the survivors and victims Jeffrey Epstein left in his wake, not to build political files on her colleagues."*

Leader Armstrong is calling on Chair Romero to publicly:

- Explain every entry on these invoices;
- Release any and all work product DVMC produced for the money it billed;
- Explain why she directed DVMC to conduct political opposition research on members of the Legislature, and who else knew;
- Explain what gave her the idea she had the authority to do this without the knowledge of the Commission;
- Answer whether she was directed to do this by House Democratic leadership, or whether it was her own doing.

*"Chair Romero owes the public, the survivors and her fellow Commission members straight answers," **Armstrong said.** "Between her illegal employment, the misuse of the Commission's PR firm for her personal statements, and now political opposition research on the taxpayers' dime, her mismanagement has done serious damage to this Commission's integrity. Who told her she could do this without the Commission's knowledge? Did Democratic leadership direct it, or was this her own doing? New Mexicans, and most of all the survivors, deserve to know."*

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INVOICE

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Bill to
Legislative Council Service
State of New Mexico

Ship to
Legislative Council Service
State of New Mexico

Invoice details

Invoice no.: 1964
Terms: Due on receipt
Invoice date: 08/31/2026
Due date: 08/31/2026

#	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.	Consulting	PR Consulting - August 2026	115	\$75.00	\$8,625.00

Total **\$8,625.00**

Ways to pay



Overdue 08/31/2026

Note to customer

Checks payable to:
Dini von Mueffling Consulting LLC
c/o Lin Bookkeeping LLC
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ACH/Wire Instructions
Account Name: Dini von Mueffling Consulting LLC
Bank Name: Chase Bank N.A.
Account #: 536310680
ABA: 021000021
Swift Code: CHASUS33

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Client	Legislative Council Service (State of NM)
Date	August 2026

Date	Staff	Hours	Description
8/10/2026	Donna Sen Ghosh; Dini von Mueffling	8	Work, including initial call with members of Truth Commission to understand NMTC, and on-ground politics.
8/11/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	3	Work, including internal call via video. Initial research to understand NMTC and on-ground politics, as well as Epstein and Maxwell's activities at Zorro Ranch and local New Mexico academic institutions.
8/12/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	4	Work, including internal call. Additional research into Truth Commission, and current members on the TC, as well as previous legislative histories, political work, and party affiliations.
8/13/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	4	Work, including internal call, research into known activities at Zorro Ranch, discussions with survivors involved.
8/14/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	12	Work, including internal calls, video meetings, discussions with survivors involved, and group call with NMTC to establish facts on the ground of NM politics and current climate.
8/15/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	8	Work, including internal call with various parties, including discussions with survivors involved, family members of survivors involved. Background research.
8/16/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	12	Work, including internal call. Strategic planning, understanding public sentiment towards R/D, current commission members, current AG.
8/17/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	6	Work, including internal call via video. Research into ongoing initiatives to prevent sex trafficking, local disappearances of indigenous women and people of color, ongoing apathy towards sex crimes within the state, and key initiatives pursued to prevent this.
8/18/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	4	Strategy discussion. Previous interim NM report read in full, analyzed to understand current efforts and future institutions/individuals that will be addressed in final report.
8/19/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	7	Work; including group video internal call, strategy discussion. Cont. of prior interim report reading and analysis done to understand institutions/individuals targeted, that will be built upon in subpoenas sent out in following weeks/months.
8/20/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	6	Work, including group video call on strategy, research. Powers of NMTC understood, re: subpoena power, deposition power, governmental autonomy, authority to issue criminal charges, etc.
8/21/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	3	Work, including internal call on strategy, research. Next steps established given developing news on NMTC, Chair Romero, and DOJ.
8/22/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	7	Work, including internal call on strategy, research. Research into New Mexico activities by known traffickers, potential prior agreements between former state officials and Epstein and Maxwell.
8/24/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	4	Work, including group call on strategy, research. Internal call on other NM state legislature members, political backgrounds, prior work before coming to Commission and legislature, known associates and history.
8/25/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	8	Work, including internal call on strategy, research. Call on NM party politics, partisan deals, and functions of state institutions, understanding of varying government institutions and how they interact, as well as autonomy of NMTC. .
8/26/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	4	Work; strategy discussion, research, outline creation discussing potential steps on where to go.
8/27/2026	Donna Sen Ghosh; Dini von Mueffling	12	Work, including internal call on research, discussion with NMTC members, planning for potential options into the future, consideration of various possibilities for NMTC re: legal counsel, additional membership, current staff, etc.
8/28/2026	Dini von Mueffling; Donna Sen Ghosh	3	Work, including internal call. Media research on recent news, state legislature research, research discussion with external consultants on knowledge about key NM power players involved with Epstein pre-2020.
	Total Hours	115	