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Dear Ms Gray,

I respectfully request that the Freedom of Information Commission expedite its review of this complaint due to the imminent and substantial impact of the Ledyard Town Council's actions on public governance and community services.

The Council is preparing to vote to override the Mayor's veto of a proposed ethics ordinance. This override vote stems directly from a prior Council action taken during a regular meeting, where the ordinance was not listed on the filed agenda, in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-225(c). That statute requires that all business to be transacted at a regular meeting be specifically listed on the agenda filed not less than 24 hours in advance. While the statute allows for business not included in such filed agendas to be considered and acted upon, it does so only if two-thirds of the members present and voting agree to add the item. In this case, the Council failed to hold or record any such two-thirds vote, yet proceeded to deliberate and vote on the ordinance.

The urgency of this matter is compounded by the fact that both the Town Attorney and the Parks and Recreation Director submitted extensive written objections—over two pages each—highlighting the ordinance's legal and operational flaws. As it stands, implementation of the ordinance would result in the shutdown of approximately half of Ledyard's Parks and Recreation programs, directly affecting residents and disrupting essential community services. Allowing the override vote to proceed before the FOIC has had an opportunity to investigate and rule on the legality of the original vote risks compounding the harm and rendering any eventual remedy moot. I therefore urge the Commission to prioritize this complaint and schedule a hearing at the earliest possible date.

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