

**AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE TO CHARGE
FAY BEYDOUN**

Michigan Attorney General Special Agent Kyle Kolka – sworn here and identified as Affiant below – states that:

1. Affiant has been employed as a Special Agent in the Criminal Investigation Division with the Michigan Department of Attorney General since 10/1/2023 and in that time, he has been trained in the procedures in which investigations are conducted by the Michigan Department of Attorney General. Affiant has been a sworn law enforcement officer since January 2009, beginning with the Capital Region International Airport Police Department, then with the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety from March 2009 to February 2012, and then with the DeWitt Charter Township Police Department from February 2012 to September 2023.
2. Affiant is the lead investigator regarding Global Link International and Fay Beydoun regarding the improper use of funds appropriated by our Legislature in 2022 PA 166.
3. The Department believes probable cause exists to charge Fay Beydoun with the violations of MCL 750.362 (larceny by conversion), MCL 750.249 (uttering & publishing) and 750.174 (conducting a criminal enterprise) alleged in the attached complaint.
4. The evidence establishes that Fay Beydoun sought and received a \$20M “Michigan enhancement grant” from our Legislature via 2022 PA 166. Instead of using those funds for the legally-intended purpose of establishing an international business accelerator, Beydoun used them to pay for personal expenses, and then lied when reporting on how she used the funds.

Background

5. The investigation began after The Detroit News published a series of news articles suggesting Beydoun, a former executive committee member of the MEDC and a former director of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber), may have fraudulently obtained a Michigan enhancement grant awarded to a “business” located at her residence in Farmington Hills. Beydoun created the nonprofit “business” – named Global Link International Accelerator – on July 22, 2022, two days after our Legislature appropriated the grant.
6. Beydoun worked for the Chamber for almost 20 years, according to Ahmad Chebbani, the Chamber’s current chairman. Beydoun became the Chamber’s director in 2008, with \$180,000 annual salary.
7. Since at least 2019, the Chamber had tasked Beydoun with seeking a financial grant for the Chamber from the State. Chebbani told investigators that Beydoun used the Chamber’s name, email address, and staff to communicate with state officials, and that seeking the grant was Beydoun’s job in working for the Chamber.
8. Also around this time, on April 5, 2019, the Governor appointed Beydoun to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s (MEDC) executive committee. MEDC is a public-

private partnership that serves as the state's lead economic development agency. Its stated mission is to market Michigan as a business-friendly state, retain and attract companies, and promote community development and talent initiatives. It is structured as a quasi-governmental corporation, meaning it operates with public oversight but has private-sector flexibility. It was established in 1999 through an interlocal agreement under the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, operating under the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) and a nonprofit called the Michigan Economic Development Foundation. It has many functions under many different programs, but one of its duties is to administer and audit so-called "Michigan enhancement grants."

9. Beydoun was thus a decision-making MEDC board member at the same time as she was seeking a specific appropriation that the MEDC would administer if the Legislature passed the appropriation.
10. "Michigan enhancement grants" are not "grants" in any traditional sense. The Legislature enacts these "grants" as direct appropriations to specific entities, and as line items in the annual or supplemental budgets.
11. The Legislature identifies the recipients of these direct appropriations before passing the bills but cannot specifically name the recipient without a two-thirds majority under 1963 Const. Art. 4, § 29. For this reason, these direct appropriations are not "grants" because they are not open to any qualified person under an application process. Instead, they are orders from the Legislature to give the identified recipient funds for the specified purpose. MEDC has no discretion to refuse this directive.
12. To avoid 1963 Const. Art. 4, § 29's two-thirds majority requirement – and accusations of crony capitalism – the Legislature uses supposedly "general" language to describe the recipient in terms that only the recipient can meet. For example, the appropriation at issue here was described as follows:

\$20,000,000.00 shall be awarded to an international business accelerator located in a city with a population of between 83,500 and 84,000 and in a county with a population of between 1,250,000 and 1,300,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census that **supports the growth of the Michigan economy by attracting top international entrepreneurs to establish their companies in Michigan with a focus on next-generation medical services and equipment; agriculture; engineering, design, and development; and other technology-focused industries.**

13. Another example from the same budget bill:

\$8,000,000.00 shall be awarded to a nonprofit economic development organization that connects businesses to the resources they need to grow and that is located in a city with a population of between 5,700 and 5,725 and in a county with a population of between 295,000 and 297,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census for the development and operation of a business incubator program or facility.

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14. The language is so specific that only the intended recipient can satisfy it. And yet it is technically considered a “general” law.

Beydoun’s lobbying efforts that led to 2022 PA 166

15. At some point in her work at the Chamber, Beydoun met Sharif Hussein, an Okemos entrepreneur who had Republican party contacts. Hussein had spoken at a Chamber event in Detroit. Hussein and Beydoun also served together for a time on the Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs. Affiant interviewed Hussein several times, and Hussein also provided a series of messages between himself and Beydoun through the WhatsApp application.
16. Hussein understood that the appropriation’s supposed purpose was to open a business incubator for Middle Eastern start-ups that were ready to take the next steps to open and operate a business in the United States. He thought this was consistent with the Republicans’ efforts to open up Michigan for more business opportunities.
17. Hussein told investigators that he suggested to Beydoun that they ask for an appropriation of five years of funding for the incubator, for a total of \$25M, and that Beydoun accepted this amount as “the ask.”
18. Hussein told investigators that he was regularly involved in state committees –including the Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs and the Children’s Trust Fund – and was regularly involved in public-private partnerships in Michigan in the past.
19. Upon Governor Whitmer’s election, Beydoun asked Hussein to assist her in seeking the appropriation as shown in the following WhatsApp exchange:

[11/28/20, 9:22:30 AM] Sharif: Will you be joining the incoming administration
[11/28/20, 9:28:11 AM] Fay Beydoun: No
[11/28/20, 9:29:58 AM] Fay Beydoun: Staying in Michigan . Working on a project I would like you to be involved in.
I will be ready to talk to you about it on Tuesday
[11/28/20, 9:35:07 AM] Sharif: Ok let me know ☺
[11/28/20, 9:42:07 AM] Fay Beydoun: Definitely

20. Hussein began to work with Beydoun on a “proposal” for the appropriation to be presented to state officials, as shown in the following WhatsApp exchange:

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[2/23/21, 9:17:22 AM] Sharif: Good morning – can we talk at noon
 [2/23/21, 9:23:10 AM] Fay Beydoun: Yes
 [2/23/21, 9:25:10 AM] Fay Beydoun: Looking forward to it
 [2/23/21, 12:23:12 PM] Fay Beydoun: Leave the five year budget. It might be better to just include year 1
 Your thoughts
 [2/23/21, 12:32:48 PM] Sharif: I would leave the 5 year budget to communicate that we're planning ahead instead of only for one year
 [2/23/21, 12:33:21 PM] Fay Beydoun: Thank you
 [2/23/21, 2:18:26 PM] Fay Beydoun: I just emailed new proposal
 [2/23/21, 2:18:45 PM] Fay Beydoun: Please let me know your thoughts and if we can send to the Ddate.

21. Beydoun told Hussein that she initially approached the Governor directly to seek the appropriation as “a budget line item,” but the Governor had asked Beydoun to seek the appropriation through the MEDC – where Beydoun was a board member – as shown in the following WhatsApp exchange:

[2/24/21, 10:54:12 AM] Sharif: Is the Governor on board with the program
 [2/24/21, 10:55:51 AM] Fay Beydoun: Yes the governor was familiar with the 2 million ask. She is under the impression that we are going through medc not a budget line item. We can discuss with her and get her support for budget line item. Should not be a problem
 [2/24/21, 10:58:20 AM] Sharif: Good

22. Hussein did not speak with anyone in the Governor’s office regarding Beydoun or the proposed appropriation. Hussein told investigators that he relied on Beydoun for any and all information that Hussein relayed regarding the Governor’s position on the proposed appropriation.

MEDC meetings in 2021

23. Hussein said that he and Beydoun continued to present their proposal to state officials, and had a call scheduled with the state budget director when Beydoun “received a text” that told her to work through MEDC instead. Hussein and Beydoun also discussed getting “our candidate on board MEDC,” which required “a phone conversation soon,” as shown in the following WhatsApp exchange.

[4/29/21, 1:57:16 PM] Sharif: Hi Fay – do we have a dial in number for the call
 [4/29/21, 1:58:37 PM] Fay Beydoun: My apologies I received a text yesterday to reschedule the call. We need to meet with MEDC first.
 [4/29/21, 2:05:14 PM] Sharif: Tuesday 5/11 is the best option for me. However isn't based on when we can get to have the discussion with MEDC? Do they have the new Director in board? Also 5/13 should be the first day of the Eid
 [4/29/21, 2:27:12 PM] Fay Beydoun: Got it trying to finalize medc date. Talking with medc chairman in the morning. Also I don't think we will be getting g our candidate on board MEDC. That's a phone conversation soon

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24. Emails establish that Beydoun had already been in contact with various employees at MEDC regarding the appropriation, and began to bring Hussein into those meetings, as shown in the following email:

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>
Date: April 13, 2021 at 12:59:35 PM EDT
To: "Fredrick Molnar (MEDC)" <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]
Cc: "Fayrouz Saad (saadf@michigan.gov)" <saadf@michigan.gov>
Subject: Follow-Up meeting G-Link International Accelerator

Fred, Trevor

I hope this email finds you both in good health and spirits. We would like to schedule a follow up meeting to the last conversation we had. I will invite Fayrouz Saad and Sharif Hussein to join us. Also, I will email you both more details on the proposal prior to the meeting.

Please propose some dates and times that will work for your schedules.

Looking forward to seeing both of you again.

Fay Beydoun
[REDACTED]

25. In a follow-up to the email in the preceding paragraph, MEDC's Trevor Pawl – at the time, the Chief Mobility Officer – responds and asks Beydoun to use Pawl's "work email," which is an MEDC-issued email address through the domain "michigan.org," as show below:

From: Trevor Pawl (MEDC) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:53 AM
To: [REDACTED], Kate Partington (MEDC) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Fredrick Molnar (MEDC) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Follow-Up meeting G-Link International Accelerator

Sounds good. I'm including Kate Partington to help us find time. Fay, could you use my work email on this one?

26. A month later, Hussein and Beydoun discuss how MEDC is "still asking for the details," but "not too much," in the following text exchange:

[5/7/21, 4:44:05 PM] Fay Beydoun: FYI
Chris Rizik stated that it was a very thought out concept and the paper was very well written and that medc staff or anyone else is welcome to contact him. He did check his schedule and he is slammed for Monday and cannot join us for the meeting.
[5/10/21, 12:52:48 PM] Fay Beydoun: They are still asking for the details
[5/10/21, 12:56:26 PM] Sharif: Yes but again not too much
[5/10/21, 12:56:36 PM] Sharif: Who is Trevor again
[5/10/21, 12:56:37 PM] Fay Beydoun: Ok
[5/10/21, 12:56:46 PM] Fay Beydoun: Head of mobility
[5/10/21, 12:56:57 PM] Fay Beydoun: For medc very respected
[5/10/21, 12:57:16 PM] Sharif: Of course – he's protecting his turf

27. Hussein provided emails showing an MEDC meeting took place on May 11, and that Beydoun then scheduled another meeting with the same MEDC participants regarding the appropriation:

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Kate

Can we please start working on identifying a date for our next virtual meeting with Trevor and Fred. I will be emailing them a document prior to the meeting. Thank you for all your help. Have a great weekend.

28. At least one additional meeting was held on August 18 with the same MEDC employees as well as Joshua Hundt:

Subject: G Link International Accelerator Updated Documents for todays meeting
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 10:39:29AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Fay Beydoun
To: Joshua Hundt (MEDC), Trevor Pawl (MEDC), Fredrick Molnar (MEDC), Sharif Hussein, Fay Beydoun
CC: Laverne Blonde (MEDC), Kate Partington (MEDC)
Attachments: GLink International Accelerator Overview 08182021.pdf, G Link Ideal Client Profile Worksheet DRAFT.pdf, G-Link Accelerator VISAS FOR FOUNDERS.pdf, GLink Target Venture Capital Angel Groups.pdf, G-Link International Accelerator Staff Consultant Bios_.pdf

Good Morning

We are looking forward to our conversation this morning. In preparation I have attached an updated overview of the G-Link International Accelerator program along with 4 additional attachments referenced in the overview.

Fay Beydoun
[REDACTED]

Former MEDC director Trevor Pawl tells investigators that Beydoun's grant pitch is not "fundable", but that Beydoun received the money for political reasons

29. Affiant interviewed Trevor Pawl – formerly MEDC's "head of mobility" in 2021 – at his current home in Louisville, KY, on July 9, 2025.
30. Pawl confirmed that Beydoun had at least one meeting with himself and other MEDC officials in the summer of 2021 to pitch the Global Link concept.
31. Pawl told S/A Kolka that the pitch was "one of the worst concepts that I had ever, ever seen." "She had no business model. She had no plan to access in market context to get the leads that she ultimately wanted."
32. Pawl's conclusion was that "there's no way this is fundable."
33. Pawl remembered that the consensus after the meeting on the MEDC side was that Global Link was not ready to be funded, that it "needed work."
34. But the next conversation with Beydoun that Pawl remembers is that Beydoun "called me, and she's like, 'I got the money.' I was like, 'You got the money?' I remember --my job -- I remember just being like, 'Oh, my God.' Like, how -- and -- and she basically said, you know, 'I've been talking to legislature, other folks, and I got the money and just wanted to let you know that.'"

35. Pawl told S/A Kolka that Beydoun's overall pitch was "I know people," and that Pawl's belief is that Beydoun's connections led to Beydoun getting the money: "she was able to skip over the MEDC to get what she wanted, then ultimately -- now, I'm making assumptions -- but ultimately come back and force their hand. And since she's a board member, what else to do you do but congratulate her?"
36. Pawl identified MEDC's CEO Quentin Messer and Senior Project Advisor Josh Hundt as the only people at MEDC who could have approved or denied Beydoun's grant pitch. And Pawl stated that only "the governor's office" would be able to override their decision.
37. Pawl continued that "in MEDC there wasn't a way for [Messer] to feel comfortable or a job -- whoever made this decision -- to feel comfortable to say no. It probably came from the right person at the right time that had the right leverage."
38. Despite Pawl's assessment, Beydoun apparently received the approval she sought from MEDC. On September 23, Beydoun emailed Trish Foster --the Governor's chief operating officer -- that MEDC approved the appropriation, and that Quentin Messer was "aware of this":

Trish

Sorry I missed you at Mackinac. I wanted to give you a quick update regarding the Global Link project. The MEDC has giving their nod of approval as the governor requested. Quentin Messer and Susan Corbin are aware of this. The project will be included in the supplemental budget. I will provide you with the wording as soon as I have it. Let me know if you have any questions. Stay safe

Fay Beydoun
 [REDACTED]

39. The Governor had named Quentin Messer as MEDC's CEO on June 1, 2021, and Messer started the position on July 19, 2021, per public records.

**Beydoun's interactions with Quentin Messer before
 2022 PA 166 passed**

40. Text messages indicate that Beydoun was in contact with Messer about the Global Link appropriation as early as June 11, 2021 -- more than a month before he was officially hired as MEDC CEO:

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Fri 6/11/2021 1:01:20 PM (UTC-04:00)
To: +[REDACTED] [Quentin Messer Jr] </>
Subject: [Chat #49595]

My apologies I was not planning on bringing up the global link project at this time.

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41. The text messages between Beydoun and Messer in the summer of 2021 establish that Beydoun connected Messer with many Michigan leaders through private meetings and parties, including one held by Sharif Hussein at his home with Republican leadership:

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Fri 7/23/2021 2:58:11 PM (UTC-04:00)
To: [REDACTED] [Quentin Messer Jr]" </>
Subject: [Chat #49604]

Quentin in regards to the private meeting with the republican leadership. They are available to meet with you on August 17 or August 18 for a evening reception I have arranged this in a private home in Okemos which is close to Lansing. Please let me know if you are available one of those dates.

[Chat #49634] Sent: Mon 8/30/2021 2:15:32 PM (UTC-04:00)

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
To: [REDACTED] [Quentin Messer Jr]" </>

For tomorrow 6pm private reception at the home of Sharif Hussein [REDACTED]

42. Around two weeks after the Okemos meeting, Beydoun organized a second meeting for Messer in Birmingham:

[Chat #151345] Sent: Wed 9/15/2021 2:53:35 PM (UTC-04:00)

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
To: [REDACTED] [Sharif Hussein]" </>

Good afternoon We look forward to seeing you this afternoon at 5:30 for a private reception in honor of Quentin Messer the new CEO of MEDC at 220 Merrill, Birmingham, MI. Let me know if you have any questions. Fay

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43. Through these meetings and other introductions to Michigan leaders, Beydoun made herself a mentor to Messer, as both acknowledged:

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Fri 9/24/2021 1:35:10 PM (UTC-04:00)
To: +[REDACTED] Quentin Messer Jr] </>
Subject: [Chat #49653]

Great job this week Quentin.

From: Quentin Messer Jr <[REDACTED]> [Quentin Messer Jr <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Fri 9/24/2021 1:36:31 PM (UTC-04:00)
To: \"+[REDACTED] [Fay Beydoun (owner)]\" </>; \"+[REDACTED] [Fay Beydoun (owner)]\" </>
Subject: [Chat #49654]

You are too kind and so appreciate your mentoring and support

44. At the same time – throughout the fall of 2021 – Beydoun was also in contact with Messer about the Global Link appropriation that did not pass until June 2022:

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Sun 9/26/2021 10:42:11 PM (UTC-04:00)
To: +[REDACTED] Quentin Messer Jr] </>
Subject: [Chat #49668]

FYI my project got moved to the supplemental budget. Fingers crossed for the next 2-3 weeks

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Tue 11/16/2021 10:31:22 AM (UTC-05:00)
To: +[REDACTED] Quentin Messer Jr] </>
Subject: [Chat #49737]

Ahhh I miss you. We should catch up soon. Want to update you on the global links project

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From: Quentin Messer Jr <[REDACTED]> [Quentin Messer Jr <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Tue 11/16/2021 10:33:02 AM (UTC-05:00)
To: '[REDACTED] Fay Beydoun (owner)]'' </>; '[REDACTED] Fay Beydoun (owner)]'' </>
Subject: [Chat #49740]

Call anytime on the Global Links Project

Beydoun's contacts with the administration regarding the Global Link appropriation

45. Chris Harkins became State Budget Director in the third week of October 2021. Among his first meetings was a meeting with Beydoun and Hussein suggested by Julia Rappaport, who worked in the Executive Office:
9. If I can make it fit Fay Beydoun with the Arab American Chamber of Commerce – Julia Rappaport asked me to set this up for Chris also to include Andy
46. Beydoun also continued to represent Hussein as her partner in negotiations with state officials at the time:

Hello Fay,

Julia Rappaport reached out to me and asked that I contact you to set up a meeting for you to meet with the State Budget Director Chris Harkins and our Director of Legislative and External Affairs, Andy Solon. Director Harkins and Solon will be available at 10:30 or 11:00 on Thursday, October 21st and then again at 10:00 or 2:00 on Friday, October 22nd. Please let me know if any of these times will work for you and I would be happy to send you a link for a 30-minute virtual meeting. If these times do not work for your calendar please reply back with a time and day that might work for you and I will see if there is anything that I can match up on our side.

Beydoun replied as follows:

Thank you for coordinating. We are available to meet on Friday October 22nd at 10am. Joining me will be Mr Sharif Hussein whose email is [REDACTED]

Please let me know if there are any questions I can answer. Have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,

Fay Beydoun

Executive Director,
American Arab Chamber of Commerce
COO, Tejara Global Business Development Center
Chairwomen, East Michigan District Export Council
Executive Board Member, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
12740 W. Warren Ave, Suite 300, Dearborn, MI 48126, USA
Main (313) 945-1700, [REDACTED], Fax (313) 945-6697

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47. Harkins met with Beydoun and Hussein on October 22, 2021. Harkins' notes from the meeting indicate that Harkins understood Beydoun to be representing the Arab American Chamber of Commerce, that she was seeking \$25M, that MEDC was "on board," and that Jason Wentworth was sponsoring the request:

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 Shaw / Fay
 - Claim that generically everyone is supportive
 -> Jason Wentworth will be sponsoring the work
 -> it is a one-time ask
 - had considered this for 5 but instead just do it one time
 -> \$25M
 - Claim is that MEDC is on board
 - intending to have this as an international relationship
 Will Berg

48. Beydoun's records indicate that Beydoun had a meeting planned with the Governor on December 9, 2021. We have been unable to confirm whether the meeting took place. Beydoun's outline for the meeting includes an outline of the \$25M "project", indicates that "MEDC has given the nod," that "staff" and "board members" are "on board", and that Chris Harkins "is supportive." The notes also include a list of what Beydoun has "delivered," including "\$330K first term" and "[e]stablished Quentin . . . relationship with republicans?":

Project:

- MEDC have given the nod, had meetings over a six month period included LEO and Global Michigan
- Not negotiable, not from anyone's pot,
- ONE TIME funding of 25M
- Board members on board
- Staff on board
- Future funding – nonprofits individuals
- Increase international exposure, overseas direct investment,
- Collaboration with MEDC and other organizations

Delivered:

- \$330K first term – approximately at \$200K now w/with \$100K in January
- Established Quentin in establishing relationship with republicans?
- Republicans' John Rakolta - Tudor Dixon (Amanda)
- Collaborating with Ron and Amanda - Women groups / ethnic community / intel
- This is just the tip of the ice berg. we do not have time to discuss everything

I need your full support on this.

Chris Harkins - already presented the project to him he is supportive

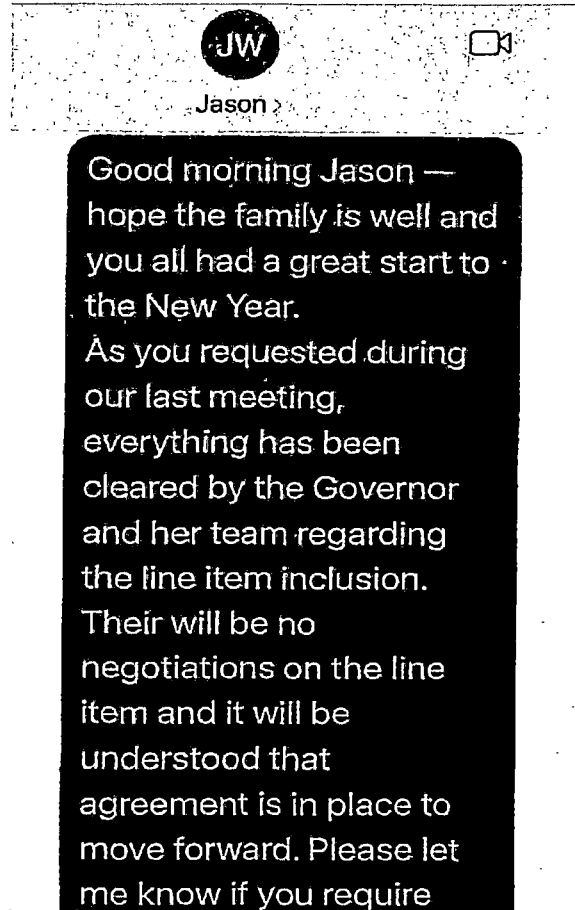
Need you to let Trish foster and Chris Harkins know so that when they meet with the republicans there is no negotiations.

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49. The notes continue that Beydoun “need[s] your full support on this,” and “need you to let Trish [F]oster and Chris Harkins know so that when they meet with the republicans there is [sic] no negotiations.”

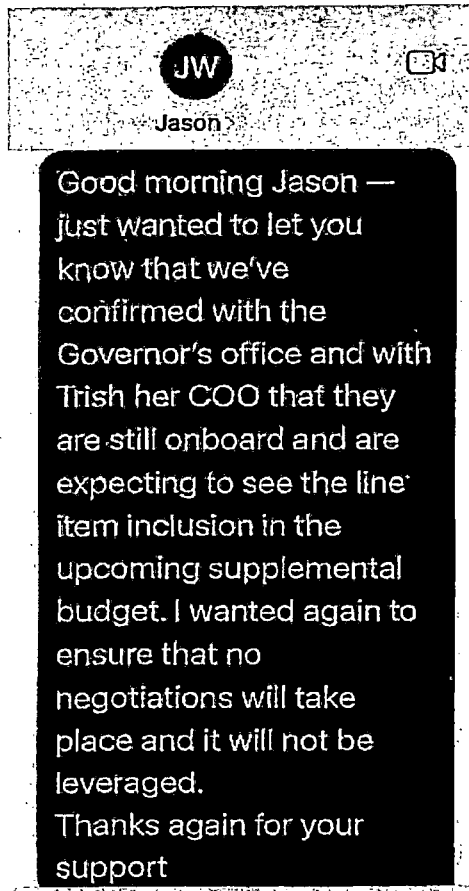
“No negotiations” regarding Global Link appropriation

50. In January 2022, Sharif Hussein sent the following text to then-Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth stating that the Global Link project “has been cleared by the Governor” and that there would “be no negotiations on the line item and it will be understood that the agreement is in place to move forward”:



51. Hussein followed up again with Speaker Wentworth in March or April of 2022 to “ensure that no negotiations will take place and it will not be leveraged”:

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52. Hussein told investigators that state budget director Harkins called Hussein directly – and not Beydoun – to discuss modifications and timelines regarding the appropriation. Sometime shortly before the bill passed, Harkins called Hussein to tell him that Harkins could only secure \$20M in funding instead of \$25M. Hussein told Harkins that \$20M was OK.
53. Hussein told investigators that Hussein – and all those state officials he spoke to – understood he would be a board member in whatever organization received the appropriation funds, and so Hussein could ensure the incubator operated properly. Hussein stated he had regular contact with Jason Wentworth, Mike Shirkey, Curtis Hertel, and others regarding the incubator, told them all that the incubator would be a net positive for the state, and that he vouched for incubator using his personal reputation. Hussein claims that the director of the Department for Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (DLARA) – presumably Orlene Hawks – reached out to Hussein personally to obtain assurances that Hussein would be involved in the entity that received the grant funds.
54. Hussein told investigators that Jason Wentworth's office told Hussein that the grant funding was in the annual budget. Hussein was then told the funding was being pushed back to the supplemental budget, and it eventually appeared in 2022 PA 166. Hussein stated that most of his conversations were with Phil Browne, Wentworth's Budget Director. Hussein's only notice that the grant had been funded was the call from Chris Harkins regarding the reduction from \$25M to \$20M.

Beydoun's representation that she was seeking the appropriation as the Chamber's director

55. While Hussein was negotiating funding for a business incubator, Beydoun was still the Chamber's salaried employee. According to Chebbani, the Chamber's board understood Beydoun's job at that time to be negotiating state funding for the Chamber.
56. Chebbani stated Beydoun's communications with the Chamber dwindled during the Covid-19 lockdowns. Chebbani said that Beydoun was using other Chamber employees and refused to update the Chamber on her efforts or what was happening. Documents verified by S/A Kolka establish that the Chamber's Cindy Berry was scheduling meetings for Beydoun with various parties involved in the grant-decision making process, and that Beydoun's emails sometimes used the following signature block:

Sincerely,

Fay Beydoun

Executive Director,
American Arab Chamber of Commerce
COO, Tejara Global Business Development Center
Chairwomen, East Michigan District Export Council
Executive Board Member, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
12740 W. Warren Ave, Suite 300 . Dearborn, MI 48126 . USA
Main (313) 945-1700 . [REDACTED] Fax (313) 945-6697

The "12470 West Warren Avenue, Suite 300" address is the Chamber's business address.

57. During this time, Chebbani said the Chamber relied on Beydoun's role in the MEDC to reassure itself there was progress being made, and the Chamber continued to pay Beydoun based on the understanding that she was doing her job.

2022 PA 166 becomes law

58. On July 1, 2022, the Legislature passed 2022 PA 166, with Speaker Wentworth as the listed sponsor. At Section 1094(1)(a), the bill includes the following direct appropriation:
- \$20,000,000.00 shall be awarded to an international business accelerator located in a city with a population of between 83,500 and 84,000 and in a county with a population of between 1,250,000 and 1,300,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census that supports the growth of the Michigan economy by attracting top international entrepreneurs to establish their companies in Michigan with a focus on next-generation medical services and equipment; agriculture; engineering, design, and development; and other technology-focused industries.
59. The Governor needed to sign 2022 PA 166 in order to make it law. Acknowledging this fact, Fay texted her son Ayman Beydoun referencing when they could "get the Money into our bank account":

[Chat #41159]

Sent: Fri 7/1/2022 7:59:32 AM (UTC-04:00)

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
To: [REDACTED] [Ayman Morsy Beydoun] </>

She will sign in a Few weeks. But we are 99% there only think left is to get the Money into our bank account

60. A few weeks later, Hassan Beydoun – an attorney with the Michigan House of Representatives – sent Fay Beydoun the following text:

From: Hassan (shorty) Beydoun" <[REDACTED]> [Hassan (shorty) Beydoun" <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Thur 7/14/2022 2:26:31 PM (UTC-04:00)
To: "Fay Beydoun (owner)" <[REDACTED]>; "[owner]" </>
Subject: [Chat #407267]

The relevant budget bill with your item was just presented to the Governor at noon today. So 14 day review period starts now

61. The Governor was scheduled to sign the budget bill on July 20, 2022. Hassan Beydoun and Fay Beydoun had the following text exchange on that day:

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Wed 7/20/2022 9:46:03 AM (UTC-04:00)
To: "[Hassan (shorty) Beydoun]" <[REDACTED]>; "[owner]" </>
Subject: [Chat #407273]

Have you heard anything. Is she signing today. I can't believe how slow time goes ●

From: Hassan (shorty) Beydoun" <[REDACTED]> [Hassan (shorty) Beydoun" <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Wed 7/20/2022 9:47:58 AM (UTC-04:00)
To: "Fay Beydoun (owner)" <[REDACTED]>; "[owner]" </>
Subject: [Chat #407274]

Yes, the mayor is speaking at the bill signing so today's the day. Your item isn't on the veto list that her team showed me

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From: Hassan (shorty) Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Hassan (shorty) Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Wed 7/20/2022 1:05:05 PM (UTC-04:00)
To: '[REDACTED] Fay Beydoun (owner)]'' </>; '[[owner]]'' </>
Subject: [Chat #407276]

It's signed

From: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]> [Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>]
Sent: Wed 7/20/2022 1:05:28 PM (UTC-04:00)
To: '[REDACTED] [Hassan (shorty) Beydoun]]'' </>; '[[owner]]'' </>
Subject: [Chat #407277]

Lmaoooo Can I still ask you everyday

62. Sometime around December 2022, Beydoun told Chebbani – her former boss and the CEO of the Arab American Chamber of Commerce – that Beydoun successfully obtained an appropriation, and that Chebbani would “hear about it.” When Chebbani questioned her further, Beydoun told Chebbani that the grant was for “economic development” and that Beydoun did not believe the Chamber “did economic development.”
63. At that time, Beydoun told Chebbani that Beydoun had directed the grant to herself because “she needed to make money.”

MEDC is assigned to administer the appropriation per statutory terms

64. 2022 PA 166 characterized the appropriation to Global Link as a “Michigan enhancement grant.” Section 1096 of the bill lists a series of requirements for all such “grants,” including –among others – (1) a signed agreement with the department that administers the grant; (2) a requirement that “[n]o expenditures outside of the project purpose” be allowed; (3) “[a] requirement that after the initial 50% disbursement, additional funds shall only be disbursed after verification that the initial payment has been fully expended, in accordance with the project purpose”; (4) “[a] requirement for quarterly reports from the recipient to the department that provide the status of the project and an accounting of all funds expended by the recipient”; and (5) “[a] claw-back provision that allows this state to recoup or otherwise collect any funds that are declined, unspent, or otherwise misused.” **2022 PA 166, Sec 1096, pp 149-150.**
65. Between the Legislature and the State Budget Office, it was determined that MEDC would administer this appropriation – even though Beydoun served on the MEDC board at the time.

66. Per the statutory requirements, MEDC requires quarterly reports from its enhancement grantees, but does not fully audit the grantee's submissions until the first 50% of the grant is spent. Before the 50% threshold is reached, MEDC reviews the reports to make sure that the expenses submitted fall into one of the agreement's budget categories.
67. So if the grantee's budget is vague or superficial, the statutory requirements allow a grantee to escape close scrutiny of its expenses until it reaches the 50% threshold.

Beydoun creates "Global Link International" as a legal entity

68. On June 27, 2022 – four days before the Legislature passed the appropriation – Beydoun created and dated Articles of Incorporation for a company called "Global Link International" (GLI). Fay Beydoun signed the Articles as director and president. Affiant verified this information.
69. On July 11, 2022, Beydoun filed the Articles with DLARA. Affiant verified this information.
70. Shortly after the Governor signed 2022 PA 166, Beydoun filed an application to receive the \$20M appropriation – called a "Michigan enhancement grant" – from MEDC, as verified by the following document:

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Michigan Enhancement Grant Application Form

Official Grantee: **Global Link International**
Grantee Full Address: [REDACTED]
Grantee Primary Contact: **Fay Beydoun**
Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]
Legislative Sponsor: **Jason Wentworth** Appropriated Amount: **20,000,000.00**

Questions for Legislative Sponsor

1. Is the legislative sponsor and/or any family members of the legislative sponsor associated with this organization? (Ex: board member, employee, financial donor, etc.) **No**

If so, please explain:

2. Does this grant comply with the provisions of Article IV, §10 of the Michigan Constitution and PA 318 of 1968, MCL 15.301 to 15.310? **Yes**

Questions for Official Grantee

1. Please describe the public purpose of the project, demonstrating it is consistent with PA 166 of 2022, Section 1094k, 1094l, or 1094m.

Global Link International supports the growth of the Michigan economy by attracting top international entrepreneurs to establish their companies in Michigan with a focus on next-generation medical services and equipment; agriculture; engineering, design, and development; and other technology-focused industries. Funds shall be used for the establishment of the accelerator and operating support.

2. Fill out the anticipated dollar amount for each respective category of the budget, using **the excel budget form provided**. Please note the general administrative expense cannot exceed 10% of the grant amount.

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3. Anticipated time frame for each goal identified in the budget plan will reflect the period of the grant;

General Admin Costs: January 2020-September 2020
Construction/Outside Contractors: January 2020-September 2020
Other: January 2020-September 2020

4. I acknowledge that I will be required to submit quarterly progress reports and a final report including:

- i. A summary of the Grant Activities performed over the immediately prior calendar quarter;
- ii. An accounting of Grantee's actual expenditure of all funds on the Project over the immediately prior quarter, including the breakdown of Grantee's actual use of Grant funds on the Project within each applicable category of the Budget, and accompanying copies of supporting documentation of such expenditures, such as receipts, general ledgers, or other evidence of expenditure activity; and
- iii. Any other information deemed relevant by Grantee to support the Grant Activities actually performed.

5. I hereby authorized signatory for Grant Agreement:

Pat Beydoun

6. There be advised any portion of the grant funds paid to grantees and not spent or not spent in accordance with the grant agreement must be returned to the MEDCALCO.

71. Notably, the address given was Beydoun's home address: [REDACTED] in Farmington Hills. Beydoun also failed to fill out the dollar amounts required by Section 2

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72. The State Budget Office raised questions regarding Beydoun using her home address in the application. As Jason Wentworth was the listed sponsor, SBO reached out to Phil Browne, Wentworth's aide, as shown in the following email provided by Hussein:

From: McGaughey, Libby (DTMB) <McGaugheyL@michigan.gov>
To: Phil Browne <PBrowne@house.mi.gov>
Subject: G-Link Address

Hi Phil,

Per our conversation, I've attached the documents submitted regarding the G-Link Accelerator enhancement grant. The address provided is incomplete. Please provide a complete business or organizational address so we can continue to move the process forward.

Thank you!
Libby

Libby McGaughey (she/her)
Director of Legislative and External Affairs
State Budget Office
[REDACTED]



73. Browne forwarded the SBO inquiry to Hussein – not Beydoun – and Hussein then sent to Beydoun asking how they should address the issue, as shown in the following email provided by Hussein:

From: Sharif Hussein <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 1:34 PM
To: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: G-Link Address
Importance: High

Fay –

We have received the following from the SBO. Should I reach out to Curtis for his support, and should we also talk to Chris?

My guess is someone in the SBO office who isn't familiar with the program is raising this inquiry.
Cheers, Stay Safe

Sharif Hussein

From: Phil Browne <PBrowne@house.mi.gov>
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10:53 AM
To: Sharif Hussein <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: G-Link Address

Good morning –

Please see the below and attached request for additional information.

Thanks!

74. Beydoun tried to reassure Hussein that the issue was merely that she omitted the city in her address, as shown in the following email provided by Hussein:

Sharif

No worries. I did forget to put the City in the address. I have corrected the mistake. Please send to phil to forward.

75. SBO reached out to Browne again because GLI's address was still not a business address:

From: Phil Browne <PBrowne@house.mi.gov>
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 12:50 PM
To: Sharif Hussein <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: G-Link Address

Good afternoon –

I received this from SBO:

Looking at this more closely, we still need an updated business or organizational address for this project. Can you get that piece updated?

Can you provide?

Thanks!

Phil

From: Sharif Hussein <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 4:27 PM
To: Phil Browne <PBrowne@house.mi.gov>
Subject: Re: G-Link Address
Importance: High

Phil –

Attached are the updated documents. I apologize for the oversight.

Cheers, Stay Safe

Sharif Hussein

76. Hussein forwards this to Beydoun and discusses how they can stop more “questions” from SBO, as shown in the following email:

From: Sharif Hussein <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 1:38:09 PM
To: Fay Beydoun <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: G-Link Address

Fay –

Now look at this. I believe we need to fast track it to ensure they don't take a month to just ask another question. Any thoughts?

Cheers, Stay Safe

Sharif Hussein

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77. Beydoun indicates that the appropriation funds need to come to her in “Farmington Hills” and refers to a telephone conversation:

Subject: Re: G-Link Address
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 11:29:51 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Fay Beydoun
To: Sharif Hussain
Attachments: image001.png

The address we gave is the organization address. The money is designated to be funded from Farmington hills. That is the registered address of the organization.

I will call you tomorrow

Sincerely,

Fay Beydoun

78. The application form also required a budget for the grant but did not specify the level of detail required. Beydoun submitted the following three-line-item budget for the \$20M incubator:

Michigan Enhancement Grant Project Budget

Please enter the major cost elements of the project, selecting from the drop down list options. If you select an activity with a "-" please add a few additional words of description in the "Other/Additional Notes" column. You will be asked to report based on these budget categories. It is recommended that the budget have between 2-5 line items. Keeping the budget at a fairly high level minimizes the need to amend the budget if the project costs deviate slightly from the plan. The "Local" and "Other" columns are optional. Six line items is the maximum allowed.

1. Grantee: Fay Beydoun		2. Project Title: Global Link International			
3. Project Cost Elements: Salaries, program expense, operating expense		4. Funding Sources: State of Michigan			
Activities	Other/Additional Notes	Michigan Enhancement Grant	Local Funding	Other Funding	Total
General Admin Costs Necessary to Implement the Project (staff costs, etc.):	Salaries, Accounting, legal	\$ 4,000,000.00			\$ 4,000,000.00
Consultants/Outside Contractors		\$ 4,000,000.00			\$ 4,000,000.00
Other:	Program & Operating Expense, Travel	\$ 12,000,000.00			\$ 12,000,000.00
Total		\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000.00

79. MEDC's policy for enhancement grants is that MEDC accepts the budget received from the SBO. The SBO did not question or ask for details on the budget as it did for Global Link's address. Instead, the SBO accepted the budget as-is and forwarded the grant application – still using Beydoun's home address – to MEDC.
80. On March 10, 2023, after reviewing the agreement covering the appropriation, Beydoun emails MEDC to ask if MEDC will disburse the full \$20M to Beydoun immediately, instead of the 50% disbursement listed in the agreement and in the statutory boilerplate:

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From: Fay Beydoun
To: Karen ~~Ward~~ (MEDC); Antee Evans (MEDC)
Cc: Kelsa Blackwell (MEDC)
Subject: RE: MEDC/Global Link International grant agreement
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 12:23:37 PM
Attachments: Case-377060 Global Link International - Execution Copy.pdf

Karen

I want to thank you for sending the agreement over, it looks good, and I am agreeable to its contents. I would like to ask, if possible, to receive 100% of the funding up front. I have an entity that will match the \$20million if it is allocated in one sum. Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

MEDC denied Beydoun's request based on the statutory language.

81. On March 26, 2023, the Detroit News' Chad Livengood published a story headlined "How to get \$20M from Michigan Legislature without a lobbyist." Fay Beydoun forwarded a copy of the article to Hassan Beydoun via text message. Hassan texted back that Fay came "off as a boss who learned how to work the system":

<p>Livengood: How to get \$20M from Michigan Legislature without a lobbyist detroitnews.com</p>	
<p>Saw that and honestly my takeaway from these articles is pride in you. Lol. Doesn't look great for the process or Governor but you come off as a boss who learned how to work the system. About time that our community benefits from the same process that has benefited old and rich white guys for years. Screw the haters and double down on earning your fair share. It's our time.</p>	

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82. Sometime in May 2023, Hussein told agents that Hussein had a meeting with Beydoun at the Gandy Dancer restaurant in Ann Arbor. At that meeting, Beydoun allegedly told Hussein that Hussein would not be involved in GLI because it would “not look right.” She also told Hussein that she intended to pay herself a salary of more than \$800,000 per year from the GLI funds. From this time on, Hussein has had no involvement with GLI.
83. Around the same time in 2023, Chebbani told agents that the Governor’s Chief of Staff, JoAnn Huls, drove to the Chamber’s office in Dearborn to apologize that the GLI funds were not directed to the Chamber because the administration understood that the funds were intended for that purpose.

Beydoun converts money from Global Link – the “international business accelerator” that received the appropriation – to her own personal use

84. To reaffirm, 2022 PA 166 made the following direct appropriation to “an international business accelerator”:

\$20,000,000.00 shall be awarded to an international business accelerator located in a city with a population of between 83,500 and 84,000 and in a county with a population of between 1,250,000 and 1,300,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census that supports the growth of the Michigan economy by attracting top international entrepreneurs to establish their companies in Michigan with a focus on next-generation medical services and equipment; agriculture; engineering, design, and development; and other technology-focused industries.

The city and county populations listed correspond to Farmington Hills in Oakland County.

85. The appropriated funds thus belong to Global Link and not Fay Beydoun personally. And yet her use of the funds is inconsistent with any business purpose and instead focused on enriching herself. As noted, Global Link International was incorporated on July 11, 2022, as a distinct legal entity that should have been an international business accelerator. Beydoun had no right to the appropriation funds personally.
86. On May 30, 2025, Affiant interviewed Lisa Katz and her attorney, Sarah Rennie. Katz advised she worked for the Detroit Regional Chamber approximately from 2003-2006 and she knew of Beydoun from there. Beydoun hired Katz as an employee of GLI from the end of January/early February 2023 until July 2024. Katz advised in July 2024 all the employees were fired. Approximately a few days later Beydoun called her and wanted to retain her.
87. Katz told Affiant that GLI has not established any companies and has done practically “nothing” since it began.
88. GLI expense records were obtained from MEDC as part of a FOIA response. The records were turned over to Attorney General financial specialist Alex Ungren, who reviewed and analyzed these records. In summary, Ungren advised Affiant that Ungren found the following significant information from reviewing these records:

Global Link's General Ledgers
 Period of Review: October 2022 to March 2024

		October 2022 - June 2023		July 2023 - September 2023		October 2023 - December 2023		January 2024 - March 2024	
		Page Number 34		Page Number 87		Page Number 148		Page Number 76	
Revenue or Expense	Revenue / Expense Category	Total Amount for Time Period	Total Year to Date	Total Amount for Time Period	Total Year to Date	Total Amount for Time Period	Total Year to Date	Total Amount for Time Period	Total Life to Date
Revenue	Grant Revenue	\$ 16,955.23	\$ 16,955.23	\$ 242,947.19	\$ 259,902.42	\$ 577,270.01	\$ 837,172.43	\$ 518,926.62	\$ 1,356,099.05
	Total Revenue:	\$ 16,955.23	\$ 16,955.23	\$ 242,947.19	\$ 259,902.42	\$ 577,270.01	\$ 837,172.43	\$ 518,926.62	\$ 1,356,099.05
Expense	Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 408,914.00	\$ 418,914.00	\$ 273,859.11	\$ 692,773.11
Expense	Payroll Tax - FICA / Medicare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,703.44	\$ 17,703.44	\$ 22,480.20	\$ 40,183.64
Expense	Payroll Tax - RI State Unemploy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49.96	\$ 49.96	\$ -	\$ 49.96
Expense	Payroll Tax - MI Unemployment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 733.40	\$ 733.40	\$ 1,994.29	\$ 2,727.69
Expense	Insurance - Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,095.04	\$ 3,095.04	\$ 4,847.04	\$ 7,942.08	\$ 22,846.16	\$ 30,788.24
Expense	Benefits Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00
Expense	Insurance - Business	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,587.00	\$ 2,587.00	\$ -	\$ 2,587.00	\$ -	\$ 2,587.00
Expense	Legal & Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,037.40	\$ 41,037.40	\$ 96,901.04	\$ 137,938.44	\$ 69,565.67	\$ 207,504.11
Expense	Digital Marketing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 7,530.00	\$ -	\$ 7,530.00
Expense	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 1,477.90	\$ 1,672.90	\$ 10,687.84	\$ 12,360.74	\$ 1,881.50	\$ 14,242.24
Expense	Repair & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,410.62	\$ 1,410.62	\$ -	\$ 1,410.62	\$ 901.41	\$ 2,312.03
Expense	Rent - Space	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 785.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 861.00	\$ 1,646.00	\$ 861.00	\$ 2,507.00
Expense	Travel Expenses	\$ 12,709.55	\$ 12,709.55	\$ 9,958.70	\$ 22,668.25	\$ 9,746.50	\$ 32,414.75	\$ 15,919.87	\$ 48,334.62
Expense	Meals Expense	\$ 620.65	\$ 620.65	\$ 2,004.24	\$ 2,624.89	\$ 5,882.14	\$ 8,507.03	\$ 3,561.83	\$ 12,068.86
Expense	Office Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,526.29	\$ 4,526.29	\$ 2,611.62	\$ 7,137.91	\$ 74,757.13	\$ 81,895.04
Expense	Office Supplies	\$ 133.14	\$ 133.14	\$ 6,394.12	\$ 6,527.26	\$ 2,999.76	\$ 9,527.02	\$ 11,590.12	\$ 21,117.14
Expense	Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 79.66	\$ 211.66	\$ 161.47	\$ 373.13
Expense	Communication Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,616.16	\$ 1,616.16
Expense	Technology	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 4,889.11	\$ 10,589.11	\$ 11,561.82	\$ 22,150.93
Expense	Contribution Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 55.00
Expense	Sponsorship Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 104,000.00
Expense	Conference Expense	\$ 3,296.89	\$ 3,296.89	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,546.89	\$ 3,038.50	\$ 6,585.39	\$ 3,868.88	\$ 10,454.27
Expense	Program Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,800.00	\$ 40,800.00	\$ -	\$ 40,800.00	\$ -	\$ 40,800.00
Expense	Special Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,553.88	\$ 9,553.88	\$ 250.00	\$ 9,803.88	\$ -	\$ 9,803.88
	Total Expenses:	\$ 16,955.23	\$ 16,955.23	\$ 242,947.19	\$ 259,902.42	\$ 577,270.01	\$ 837,172.43	\$ 518,926.62	\$ 1,356,099.05

89. *Of the \$1,356,099.05 spent, less than \$20,000 could possibly be attributed to “supporting the growth of the Michigan economy by attracting top international entrepreneurs to establish their companies in Michigan with a focus on next-generation medical services and equipment; agriculture; engineering, design, and development; and other technology-focused industries.”*
90. As examples, Ungren found the following charges billed to the accelerator appropriation:

Jura Inc. on 7/26/23

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Product	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Comments
	1	\$ 3,899.00	\$ 3,899.00	Coffee maker, brews 32 hot and cold brew coffee specialties
4 Bean Blend	4	\$ 14.99	\$ 59.96	
Milk System Cleaner (Mini Tabs) 90g	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	

Date	Expense Category	Transaction Type	Class	Split	Name	Memo/Description	Amount	Balance	Page Numbers	Bates Numbers	Comments
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Date	Expense Category	Transaction Type	Num	Adj	Name	Memo/Description	Amount	Balance	Page Numbers	Bates Numbers	Comments
09/11/2023	Sponsorship Expense	Expenditure	Blank	No	Michigan Founder	Michigan Founder	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	67 & 68		Unrestricted general operations donation / grant to the Michigan Founders Fund. The Michigan Founders Fund is a charitable organization headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Michigan Founders Fund is an inclusive network of high-growth founders committed to supporting each other and funding solutions for communities across the state where we live and operate.

Global Link International General Ledger October 2023 - December 2023

Date	Expense Category	Transaction Type	Class	Split	Name	Memo / Description	Amount	Balance	Page Numbers	Bates Numbers	Comments
02/21/2024	Repair & Maintenance	Expenditure	AMEC	2100 AMEX Business Platinum Card 1003	Bank	Bank's Vacuum ... 1003	\$ 726.59	\$ 901.41			
02/01/2024	Office Supplies	Expenditure	AMEC	2110 AMEX Delta Reverse Business Card 1006	Home Goods	Homegoods ... 1006	\$ 741.99	\$ 9,760.92			
02/01/2024	Office Supplies	Expenditure	AMEC	2110 AMEX Delta Reverse Business Card 1006	Home Goods	Homegoods ... 1006	\$ 513.77	\$ 10,274.69			
02/02/2024	Office Supplies	Expenditure	AMEC	2110 AMEX Delta Reverse Business Card 1006	Home Goods	Homegoods ... 1006	\$ 541.80	\$ 10,816.49			
02/02/2024	Office Supplies	Expenditure	AMEC	2110 AMEX Delta Reverse Business Card 1006	Marshall's	Marshall's ... 1006	\$ 436.57	\$ 11,253.06			
02/02/2024	Office Supplies	Expenditure	AMEC	2110 AMEX Delta Reverse Business Card 1006	Home Goods	Homegoods ... 1006	\$ 235.99	\$ 11,489.05			
02/03/2024	Office Supplies	Expenditure	AMEC	2110 AMEX Delta Reverse Business Card 1006	Marshall's	Marshall's ... 1006	\$ 192.03	\$ 11,681.08			
01/01/2024	Technology	Expenditure	AMEC	2110 AMEX Delta Reverse Business Card 1006	Data Tech Café, Inc.	Data Tech Café ... 1006	\$ 6,076.38	\$ 7,757.46	23 & 24		Charges include equipment and labor for setting up equipment in Fay's office, 4 other offices, and a conference room. Includes a TV and 65 inch TV mount in Fay's office, a TV mount for the conference room, dream machine, 9 tables, 3 smaller side tables, 6 chairs, 3 sideboards, and 2 bookcases.
02/12/2024	Conference Expense	Expenditure	AMEC	2110 AMEX Delta Reverse Business Card 1006	Detroit Regional Chamber	Detroit Regional Cha ... 1006	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 3,271.96	31		2024 Mackinac Policy Conference event registration for Katie Menz.


Date	Memo / Description	Amount
10/27/2023	Experience Zuzu ... 1003	\$ 224.44
11/03/2023	Experience Zuzu ... 1003	\$ 176.28
11/07/2023	Experience Zuzu ... 1003	\$ 161.44
12/05/2023	Experience Zuzu ... 1006	\$ 151.00
12/11/2023	Experience Zuzu ... 1003	\$ 874.44
12/13/2023	Experience Zuzu ... 1003	\$ 177.80
01/27/2024	Experience Zuzu ... 1006	\$ 495.18
01/27/2024	Experience Zuzu ... 1006	\$ 408.24
02/09/2024	Experience Zuzu ... 1006	\$ 297.08
06/16/2023	Habibs Cuisine	\$ 555.44
11/26/2023	Habibs Cuisine ... 1006	\$ 708.60
02/23/2024	Habibs Cuisine ... 1006	\$ 144.16
07/21/2023	220 Merrill	\$ 376.34
08/09/2023	220 Merrill	\$ 285.32
10/24/2023	220 Merrill ... 1003	\$ 60.88
12/23/2023	220 Merrill ... 1003	\$ 70.42
12/29/2023	220 Merrill ... 1003	\$ 105.60
01/20/2024	220 Merrill ... 1006	\$ 91.00
10/28/2023	Joe Meur Seafood ... 1003	\$ 799.85
01/22/2024	Tst * Levantine Grill ... 1006	\$ 59.32
01/24/2024	Tst * Levantine Grill ... 1006	\$ 148.78
02/06/2024	Tst * Levantine Grill ... 1006	\$ 124.43
02/09/2024	Tst * Levantine Grill ... 1006	\$ 180.64
07/25/2023	Parc	\$ 177.34
11/17/2023	Parc ... 1003	\$ 259.42
11/30/2023	Gianni's Restaurant ... 1003	\$ 365.57
02/04/2024	Tst * Forest Grill ... 1006	\$ 281.08
10/16/2023	Par * Fogo Washington ... 1003	\$ 194.13
02/06/2024	Selden Standard ... 1006	\$ 174.46
11/05/2023	Rugby Grille ... 1003	\$ 169.92
11/29/2023	Mandarin Mo Bar Lnge ... 1003	\$ 163.83
10/17/2023	Chart House ... 1003	\$ 138.22
08/08/2023	Tst * Bacco Ristorante	\$ 134.48
	Total:	\$ 8,735.13
	Total Number of Transactions:	33

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91. Few, if any, of these expenses seem appropriate for the first few months of building “the accelerator,” nor did any of these expenses further Global Link’s statutory mission.

Fraudulent Expense #1 – The forged Epic Law invoice

92. There is evidence that many of these expenses were fraudulent. For example; Beydoun paid the following invoice using Global Link funds, and submitted the invoice to MEDC to justify the payment:



INVOICE

INVOICE NUMBER: 1093.3
 INVOICE DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2023

FROM: EPIC Law
 PO Box 32598
 Detroit, MI 48232

TO: Global Link International
 [REDACTED]

DATE	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
AUG-01-23	Global Link International (GLI)	Conference / Review with GLI grant investment document, anticipated work, and documents to be reviewed.	2.00	\$550.00	\$1,100.00
AUG-07-23	GLI	Review materials and related tax issues	1.60	\$550.00	\$880.00
AUG-17-23	GLI	Conference Client regarding non-profit structure, documents, and organizational matters.	3.00	\$550.00	\$1,650.00
AUG-23-23	GLI	Reviewed Form 1023	1.50	\$550.00	\$825.00
AUG-31-23	GLI	Conference and Reviewed By-Laws, corporate documents, minutes, non-profit matters	3.00	\$550.00	\$1,650.00
SEPT-12-23	GLI	Non-Profit 1023 Application discussion, review other documents	2.60	\$550.00	\$1,430.00
SEPT-13-23	GLI	Review whistleblower, document retention and destruction, gift acceptance, and travel and expense reimbursement policies for Global Link International; discuss parameters of travel reimbursement policy.	3.30	\$550.00	\$1,815.00
SEPT-26-23	GLI	Prepare for and call with client regarding compensation, policy, and related tax and non-profit organization matters	1.50	\$550.00	\$825.00
SEPT-29-23		Reviewed Global Link International Business Summary; Researched comparable entities	2.10	\$550.00	\$1,155.00

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ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
Prior account balance	\$0.00
New charges (including this invoice)	\$11,325.00
Current account balance DUE	\$11,325.00

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93. This invoice was suspicious immediately because there were only two pages, but the pages were numbered 1 and 3; looking at the content, it was clear that no information was missing that could have appeared on a page 2.
94. Each of the billing entries here is copied and slightly edited from an earlier legal invoice from Clark Hill/Taft for services provided to Global Link. The highlighting is added:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED

Date	Atty	Description Of Services Rendered	Hours
5/25/23	RCC	Conference with Sara Kruse regarding accelerator program for international second stage startups.	.20
5/25/23	SMK	Reviewing grant/investment documents	1.30
5/26/23	MMOK	Review of information received and conference with R. Christian regarding same.	1.00
5/26/23	SMK	Review grant documents.	.30
5/29/23	RCC	Review materials and related tax issues and prepare for call with Fey/Beydoun	.90
5/30/23	MMOK	Conference with R. Christian regarding organizational structure and activities; review of materials and correspondence from client.	1.00
5/30/23	RCC	Video call with client and related email message regarding tax exemption, governance and organizational matters	1.70
5/30/23	SMK	Conference client regarding non-profit structure, atn to documents and organizational matters.	2.70
5/31/23	SMK	Attn to non-profit documents.	.30
6/02/23	SMK	Attn to preparation of corporate resolutions, policy.	1.40
6/06/23	SMK	Attn to non-profit matters, research regarding compensation.	.50
6/07/23	LLAM	NO CHARGE - Reviewed Global Link International Business Summary (0.1); Created comparison chart (0.1); Researched comparable entities and added information regarding executive compensation to chart (4.6).	4.80
6/12/23	MMOK	Work on Form 1023; call with S. Kruse and F. Beydoun regarding operations of Global Link.	2.10
6/12/23	PA	Global International: initial discussion with Sara regarding employment work to do.	.50
6/12/23	SMK	Conference with client atn to compensation matters; follow up employment matters.	2.60
6/12/23	LLAM	NO CHARGE - Completed compensation research and added additions to chart (2.7); finalized format and organization of comparison chart (1.3)	4.00
6/13/23	NAW	Attention to form documents for new client.	.50
6/13/23	RCC	Messages regarding tax issues.	.40
6/13/23	SMK	Attn to comp related matters, organizational matters and checklist.	1.50
6/13/23	LLAM	NO CHARGE - Searched IRS and SEC filings for information regarding executive compensation at business accelerators (1 hour); Created chart showing detailed salary breakdown for comparable CEO (1.3 hours).	2.30
6/15/23	MMOK	Work on Form 1023 application.	.50
6/20/23	SMK	Attn to corporate set up matters.	.30
6/21/23	MMOK	Review of bylaws; work on Form 1023	.70
6/21/23	NAW	Revised bylaws and board minutes; Compiling full set for client	2.00
6/21/23	SMK	Attn to corporate matters for non-profit.	1.10
6/22/23	MMOK	Work on Form 1023 and conference with N. Watkins regarding governance.	.80
6/22/23	NAW	Revising incorporator resolutions and bylaws. Compiling documents for client review and sign off.	1.50
6/22/23	SMK	Attn to corporate documents and minutes, conference client, non-profit matters.	2.30
6/23/23	MMOK	Work on Form 1023 and prepare Form 2848	1.00
6/23/23	PA	Prepare Draft of an Offer Letter; begin initial draft of an Employment Agreement.	1.50
6/23/23	SMK	Attn to non-profit application.	.30
6/25/23	RCC	Review IRS exemption application and proposed revisions	.90
6/26/23	MMOK	Work on Form 1023 and correspondence and conference with S. Kruse regarding same.	1.20
6/26/23	NAW	Reviewing responses from client.	1.00
6/26/23	PA	Begin preparing Employee Handbook.	1.30
6/26/23	SMK	Attn to non-profit application, review other documents.	2.20
6/27/23	MMOK	Work on Form 1023 and correspondence with client regarding same; compile attachments and file Form 1023 with IRS.	1.40
6/27/23	NAW	Finalizing draft form documents. Sending to Sara for review and comment.	2.00
6/27/23	PA	Finish initial draft of Employment Agreement for Fey; finish initial draft of Employee Handbook.	2.20
6/27/23	SMK	Attn to corporate documents, edits to same.	1.60

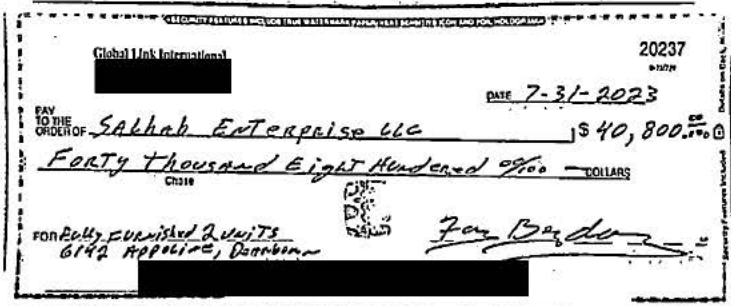
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- 95. Epic Law is registered to an attorney named Hattem Beydoun. Hattem told investigators that the invoice was “not legitimate,” and that the only work he did for Fay Beydoun was to review Fay’s employment contract with GLI.
- 96. Hattem confirmed that “I didn’t do work for Global Link.” He said that the logo on the invoice looked like it had been changed or “photoshopped.” Through input from Hattem’s attorney, the \$11,325 invoice amount represented the amount Hattem charged for contract review (\$750) and for litigating an insurance dispute for Fay Beydoun’s son (\$10,000) and also “she just gave me a little bit of extra money, a few hundred dollars as a bonus for the end of the year.”
- 97. Hattem finally confirmed he never billed any work for Fay Beydoun at \$550 per hour and did all work for her at a flat rate
- 98. This evidence establishes that Fay Beydoun forged this invoice and submitted it to MEDC so that she could use appropriated funds to pay for her private legal work.

Fraudulent Expense #2 – “two furnished units”

- 99. Fay Beydoun also submitted the following check to MEDC as a Global Link expense:



- 100. The check indicates payment of \$40,800 for “fully furnished 2 units, 6142 Appoline, Dearborn.”
- 101. In her expense report to MEDC, Fay Beydoun characterized this expense to MEDC as follows:

		Funder	
Total for 5110 Conference Expense			\$250.00
5115 Program Expense			
07/31/2023	Check	20237 No Sakhab Enterprise LLC	Operational Expenditure for Housing 2 year lease for housing for startups arriving early 40,800.00 40,800.00

- 102. Affiant researched the real property at “6142 Appoline” in Dearborn. It is a vacant lot; there is no building to lease.

103. Beydoun never submitted a lease to MEDC to support this expense. Investigators obtained a lease during the investigation that appears to evidence the \$40,800 expense, but that lease is for one unit on a one-year term, and lists a different address – 6012 Manor in Dearborn:

Identification of Landlord and Tenant

This Agreement is entered between GLOBAL LINK INTERNATIONAL ("Tenant") and SALHAB ENTERPRISE, LLC ("Landlord"). Tenant is liable for the payment of rent and performance of all other terms of this Agreement.

Identification of Premises

Subject to the terms and conditions in this Agreement, Landlord rents to Tenant, and Tenant rents from Landlord, for residential purposes only, the premises located at 6012 Manor, Dearborn Michigan 48216 (also known as lots 6142A and 6142B (the premises)), Furnished and together with any and all appurtenances thereto for a full year paid in advance.

Use and Occupancy

The premises shall be used and occupied by tenant and guests of tenant, to use or occupy the premises. Tenant shall comply with any laws, ordinances, rules and orders of any and all government or quasi-governmental authorities affecting the cleanliness, use occupancy and preservation of the Premises.

Term of the Tenancy

The term of the rental will begin on 08/01/2023, to 08/01/2024 with an option to renew

Rent

The Total rent for the term hereof is the sum of \$40,800.00 (Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, fully paid in advance on 7/31/2023 upon execution of this agreement, if tenant is to undergo immediate occupancy.

104. There is no building located at "6012 Manor" in Dearborn, nor any identifiable lot or parcel. Through Fadi Salhab's statement, we identified the "correct" lease for two units located at [REDACTED] but the lease term was one year for \$40,800.
105. Salhab identified the "correct" lease *only after* investigators located two other versions of the lease that were identical to the correct version but for the property address. The first lease – shown above, and found in MS Word format on one of Beydoun's laptops with pasted electronic signatures for Beydoun and Salhab Enterprises – listed a property address at "6012 Manor" in Dearborn. As noted, no such address exists.
106. The second lease – which Salhab provided – listed a property address at "6012 Appoline" in Dearborn, which is a different building that Salhab has never owned or managed.
107. Salhab told investigators that Beydoun provided the lease forms used for this transaction, and that he does not use these forms. The leases were all signed remotely, and Beydoun

would have pasted the electronic signatures on the leases. Salhab stated that he *did* recognize the signature as his own, but that he did not know how Beydoun inserted the signature onto the leases. He also stated that Beydoun sent him the first lease with the Manor address, and he eventually noticed that the address was wrong. Beydoun then sent him the second lease, which has another incorrect address.

108. Salhab was unaware whether Beydoun ever used the units, and by early 2024, she contacted him to cancel the lease and requested a refund. Salhab refused the refund but did cancel the lease, and the property was sold in August 2024. The only person that Salhab knew stayed at the property was Beydoun's son, Ayman Beydoun. Salhab said that Beydoun asked him if Ayman could stay at the property at the same time as she asked to lease it.

109. Ayman Beydoun confirmed this in a statement:

1 BY MR. PAYOK:
2 Q So who told you that the Appoline was available for you
3 to move into?
4 A I believe I – I think my mother was asking around if –
5 whoever either had a place for rent or things like that.
6 It was hard to try finding a place for. I remember I
7 was even looking for storage facilities. They were all
8 kind of booked out at that time. So I'm not sure
9 exactly how I connected or correlated.
10 Q And just for the – so we're clear on the record, your
11 mother's Fay Beydoun?
12 A Yes.
13 MR. KOLKA: This isn't in production, isn't it,
14 what we gave them? I think it's –
15 MR. PAYOK: What's the date?
16 MR. KOLKA: 12/15 – 12/05 of '22.
17 MR. GRUENWALD: Did you pay to rent the [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED] address?
19 THE WITNESS: No. I believe I – I had a
20 conversation with Fuad, and I asked him how I can

110. The lease's timing also suggests Beydoun's fraudulent intent. GLI had no official employees in July 2023, and Beydoun's CEO contract was not finalized until the end of the year. GLI had no services to provide, no business plan, and no prospects. Obtaining housing for "future startups" using a one-year lease when GLI had nothing in place to recruit or offer any startups makes no sense. So this expense had no legitimate business purpose.


Fraudulent Expense #3 – "STE Group Artisanal" in Tunis

111. Fay Beydoun submitted a \$6,148.88 expense from a trip to Tunisia to MEDC with the following description:

STZO Special Events

07/03/2023	Check	20231	No	Mohamad Nassereddine	Catering for 5 focus groups in May and June	1,870.00	1,870.00
08/18/2023	Expenditure	No			STE GROUPEMENT ARTISANAL - P. 18/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59/60/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69/70/71/72/73/74/75/76/77/78/79/80/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89/90/91/92/93/94/95/96/97/98/99/100	6,148.88	8,018.88
08/21/2023	Check	20235	No	Mohamed Nassereddine	CHECK # X0235 - Catering to event on August 14 2023	1,535.00	9,553.88

112. As proof of the expense, Beydoun submitted the following invoice to MEDC with the expense report:



Sté Groupement Artisanal
 VENTE & EXPORTATION DES TAPIS
 PARTOUT DANS LE MONDE

مجمع الصناعات التقليدية
 بيع وتصدير جميع أنواع الزرابي
 إلى كافة أنحاء العالم

58,62,64 SOUK ELLEFA 1008 TUNIS-MEDINA
 Tél.: 00216 71 575 224 - Fax: 00216 71 575 751
 Matricule Fiscal: 962243T/A/E/001
 Registre de Commerce : B012262009
 e-mail:

R.I.B : 08 107 0007710010409 82
 I.B.A.N : TN5908107000771001040982
 B.I.C : BIATNTT

Adresse e-mail de l'acheteur:

FACTURE N° 071986 (AMenerami) Tunis le: 19.8.2023

Nom du client: FAY Beydoun

Adresse complète (lettres majuscules): _____

Tél: _____

Aéroport fret ou bureau P.T.T le plus proche du domicile _____

CARACTERISTIQUES DE LA MARCHANDISE TAPIS									
Quantité	Longueur	Largeur	Surface	Poids	N° Contrôle ONAT	Genre	Texture	Date	Prix par unité
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AUTRES ARTICLES: _____

Prix TTC TOTAL (en devises) 19,000,000 D.T.
 Prix TTC TOTAL (en dinars tunisiens) _____

MODALITES DE PAIEMENT: _____

DELAI DE LIVRAISON CONVENU: _____ jours à partir du: _____

ANY GOODS SOLD FOR EXPORT DOES NOT READMISSION AND DOES NOT RETURN MONEY TO CLIENTS

Signature de l'Acheteur: Fay Beydoun

Signature du Vendeur & Cachet de l'Entreprise: Jamep

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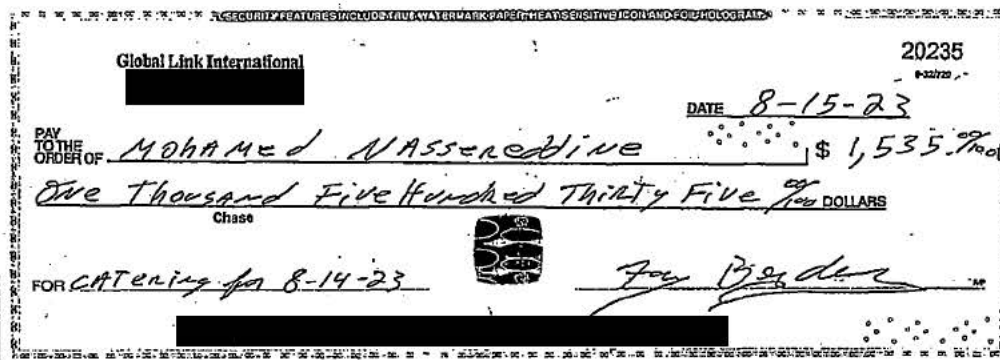
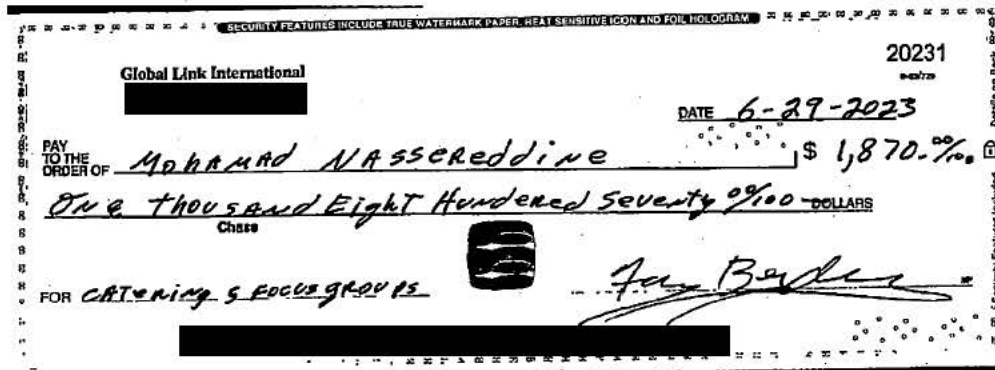
- 113. The invoice does not refer to any "event," instead, it lists "two handmade rugs" in French. STE Artisanal is a company that makes textiles. There is no reference to a "group dinner."
- 114. The expense is dated August 18, 2023. The following day, Fay Beydoun sent the following text message to her son, Ayman Beydoun:

From: Fay Beydoun [REDACTED]@s.whatsapp.net]
Sent: Sat 8/19/2023 7:57:01 AM (UTC-04:00)
To: [REDACTED]@s.whatsapp.net [Ayman Morsy Beydoun]
Subject: [Chat #207004]

Would you like an authentic rug from Tunis handmade Great quality

Fraudulent Expense #4 – catering costs

- 115. Fay Beydoun submitted the following two checks to MEDC to establish that the expenses were related to Global Link:



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116. Through Beydoun's text messages, Affiant was able to determine that these checks corresponded to meetings Fay Beydoun held at her home for Mike Duggan, then mayor of Detroit:

Sent: Tue 6/6/2023 11:33:59 AM (UTC-04:00)
 From: Fay Beydoun [REDACTED]@s.whatsapp.net]
 To: [REDACTED]@s.whatsapp.net [Sharif Hussein]

Good Morning my friend I am hosting a small private dinner for Mayor **Duggan** at my home on June 13, 5:30-7:30. Let me know if you can make it.

[REDACTED]

Sent: Mon 8/7/2023 4:54:03 PM (UTC-04:00)
 From: Fay Beydoun [REDACTED]@s.whatsapp.net]
 To: [REDACTED]@s.whatsapp.net [Ayman Morsy Beydoun]

I'm having another dinner for Mayor **Duggan** on Monday August 14 at 5:30. You are welcome to come as a guest, I don't need you to do anything. Hope you can make it.

117. Beydoun described the expenses in her MEDC quarterly report as follows:

5120 Special Events

07/03/2023	Check	20231	No	Mohamad Nassereddine	Catering for 5 focus groups in May and June	1,870.00
08/21/2023	Check	20235	No	Mohamad Nassereddine	CHECK # X0235 - Catering to event on August 14 2023	1,535.00

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 1,870.00

- 118. Mohamed Nassereddine – the payee on the checks – told investigators that he only catered two events for Beydoun. Both events were at Beydoun’s home for Mike Duggan, and neither had anything to do with GLI or focus groups
- 119. Reviewing the texted invitations above, Nassereddine confirmed that these dates corresponded with the events he catered at Beydoun’s home. The June dinner was a plated event, while the August dinner was provided buffet-style. The amounts of each check also matched what Nassereddine charged for these events.

Fraudulent Expense #5 – Royce Lighting

- 120. On July 25, 2023, Beydoun spent \$5,557 spent at Royce Lighting, a home lighting and décor store in Redford, and submitted the following receipt to MEDC as part of an expense report:

313-531-6000
ROYCE LIGHTING FURNI
25525 EIGHT MILE RD
REDFORD, MI 48240

07/25/2023 19:36:16

CREDIT CARD
VISA SALE

Card #: XXXXXXXXXXXX
Network: VISA
Chip Card: CHASE VISA
AID: A000000031010
SEQ #: 5
Batch #: 538
INVOICE 5
Approval Code: 08494G
Entry Method: Chip Read
Mode: Issuer
Tax Amount: \$0.00

SALE AMOUNT \$5557.00

ALL SALES FINAL
NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

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- 121. Beydoun did not describe this expense in the quarterly reports beyond listing the amount, the vendor, and characterizing it as “lighting and furniture.” Notably, Global Link was six months away from having even a temporary office location; its only listed address was Beydoun’s home.
- 122. Investigators interviewed Tonya Vaskovskya, one of Royce Lighting’s owners. Vaskovskya said that Beydoun made several purchases from Royce starting in November 2022 through September 2023. Most of these were “special order” items that Royce did not have in stock. The \$5,557 charged on July 23 seems to have been a down payment on items Beydoun ordered, as it overlaps two different orders.
- 123. Nothing Beydoun bought from Royce was useful for creating or operating GLI. The items included \$650 nesting table, a \$316 “orchid plus frame,” a \$1,120 end table, two \$512

False “progress reports” intended to mislead MEDC

126. Beth LeBlanc’s reporting on Beydoun’s spending started in April 2024, and by May 2024, MEDC made several requests for further documentation to substantiate GLI’s quarterly progress reports. On May 15, Beydoun wrote to the Governor to indicate GLI would “wind up” its business because of the public outcry. Wind-down negotiations took place until August 12, 2024, when GLI notified MEDC that GLI intended to continue spending earmarked funds.
127. To forestall further action by MEDC – MEDC finally issued a breach and termination in March 2025 – Beydoun filed so-called “progress reports” that were materially false in claiming that any progress had been made. For example, the “progress report” for July-September 2024 consisted of two paragraphs:

MEDC 4th quarter GLI PROGRESS UPDATE July-Sept 2024.

The Global Link team continues to work hard in the final stages of developing and implementing a strategic plan derived through analysis of macro-trends, unmet industry and end-user needs and desires, and technology enablers in the context of global market conditions. The strategic plan focuses Global Link on providing business, life-cycle and ecosystem services to assist in the attraction and retention of global founders. As we finalize our intake process among other actions, we continue to grow our database of prospective candidates and partners. Global Link is focusing on Asia, Africa, Middle East and European regions at this time. We have secured 13 country advisors and are in talks with 11 advisors from different countries to assist in the recruitment of startups. To date we have 49 startups in our database that will be applying to be vetted for our services. Those founders have developed products in food/AG tech, engineering technology, medical devices, mobility, cyber security. Global Link has fortified relationships with 3 international entities that will provide access to 50 developing countries, we are in discussions on identifying best practices to move forward with that relationship that will be beneficial to all. Global Link has identified 7 individuals interested in creating a fund to support Global Link companies. Global Link has positioned itself to assist global start-up founders in aligning market strategies with product-market fit, support developing their customer base and revenue growth through key relationships, and to offer individualized support to start-up clients at every stage of their journey.

As thought leaders and action takers, Global Link is guiding the creation of impactful policies and advocating for programs that drive real change for immigrant founders. We are leading outreach initiatives that expand Michigan’s innovation footprint worldwide. Together with our Michigan, regional and international partners, we are initiating an open innovation culture to retain and attract international investors and entrepreneurs that contribute to Michigan’s economy and future success.

128. Lisa Katz – Global Link’s longest serving employee and whistleblower – was one of two Global Link employees at this time. Katz reviewed the statements made in this report and told investigators the following:

- Global Link had no “focus” on any region;
- During this period, Katz was focused on brokering a relationship with Asian Development Bank, which is not a startup;
- There no “country advisors,” in “talks” or otherwise;
- There was no “database”;
- There were no “relationships” with “international entities.”

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129. Katz's statements establish that this "progress report" was materially false in all meaningful aspects. And other Global Link employees corroborated Katz's statements. For example, Dan Cherrin told investigators that Global Link provided no services and had no "startups" that it was working with whatsoever, that he "wasn't aware" of any progress, and that he would have publicized any positive developments to rebut the news coverage.

130. The next "progress report" continued this pattern:

Q1 2024-5 Quarter Developments

In this quarter, Global Link continued to expand its reach by focusing on strategic regions including Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. We increased our pool of identified international startups to 61, representing a growth of 13 startups from the previous quarter. These startups span diverse sectors, including technology, agricultural technology, engineering, cybersecurity, medical devices and mobility. Additionally, our international partnerships increased from three to nine, demonstrating significant progress in global collaboration.

131. Again, Katz told investigators that these statements were materially false:

- Katz was the only employee from October-December 2025;

developing countries. We are in discussions on identifying best practices to move forward with that relationship that will be beneficial to all."

A Three countries?

Q Three international entities --

A Oh.

Q -- that will provide access to 50 developing countries. Did you know anything about that?

A No, unless she was counting Asian Development Bank. But that was not part of the conversation, and she was not tied into that. So that would not have been --

Q But that's still one entity, right?

A It is only one entity. And again, it was not the nature of our relationship.

- There were zero identified startups, so no increase as reported;

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- Global Link had no companies it was working with in any of the identified sectors;
- Katz said that reported “progress” in this report was “imaginary.”

132. The evidence establishes Beydoun was lying to MEDC about progress to keep the grant money flowing – especially Beydoun’s \$550,000 annual salary – and forestall any further action by MEDC. And salary payments continued through June of 2025:

Posted Date	Dollar Amount	Transaction Description
2/13/25	\$20,098.58	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]
2/27/25	\$20,098.59	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]
3/13/25	\$20,098.58	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]
3/27/25	\$20,098.59	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]
4/14/25	\$20,098.59	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]
4/29/25	\$20,547.05	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]
5/14/25	\$21,463.16	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]
5/29/25	\$21,313.16	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]
6/16/25	\$21,313.18	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]
6/27/25	\$21,313.17	Orig CO Name: ADP Wage Pay Orig ID: [REDACTED]

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133. The false representations identified above were made in the 4th quarter of 2024. Between the misrepresentations and June 2025, Beydoun was paid hundreds of thousands in additional salary that she arguably would not have received but for her misrepresentations.

Summation

134. The evidence above establishes probable cause that Fay Beydoun engaged in a pattern of racketeering activity by continually converting Global Link's earmarked and restricted funds to her own use:

- To pay her personal legal bills;
- To buy items for her home or to give to her son;
- To hold political events at her home; and
- To pay for a lease that Global Link could never have used based on its one-year term.

135. The evidence also establishes that Beydoun knew she had to substantiate her spending, and that she continually lied to MEDC about the nature of those expenses – even going so far as to forge a legal invoice – and about Global Link's progress so she could continue to collect her \$550,000/year salary.

136. Importantly, these charges only document a few of the many similar conversions that Fay Beydoun committed through the first quarter of 2024. The expenses listed in Paragraph 90, above, include many purchases from Home Goods, a vacuum cleaner, and repeated trips to lavish restaurants. These instances are uncharged here, but they strengthen that pattern showing that Beydoun was simply living off Global Link's money.

137. The investigation is ongoing into expenses that Beydoun made through 2024-2025, and further charges are possible. As noted in Paragraph 90, above: Of the \$1,356,009.05 Beydoun spent from the first \$10M deposit on April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024 -- less than \$20,000 appears to be legitimately for Global Link.

138. For all these reasons, Affiant asserts that probable cause exists to authorize the attached complaint and warrant.

WHEREFORE, Affiant asks that this Honorable Court conclude that probable cause exists to charge Fay Beydoun with the offenses listed in the attachment complaint.

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Further, Affiant sayeth not.

This Affidavit consists of 44 pages.

Reviewed on 5/4/2026
Date

By: [Signature]
Assistant Attorney General

[Signature]
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me:
5/4/26
Date
[Signature]
Judge/Magistrate

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