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THE SENATE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Gov. Whitmer,

We demand you request the immediate resignation of disgraced Michigan State Police Director Col. James Grady and Deputy Director Lt. Col. Aimee Brimacombe or relieve them of their duties at once if they fail to comply. The failed leadership of these two individuals continues to erode public trust in what should be one of our state's most respected institutions.

It was recently <u>reported</u> that on Oct. 14, a retired MSP inspector and chief diversity officer filed a lawsuit against the agency and Grady, alleging gross patterns of workplace harassment, including blatant favoritism and retaliation. This is not surprising given what we have learned over the past few months about the MSP under his leadership, including Brimacombe's "insubordinate" disciplinary record that includes the misuse of her state vehicle for personal reasons and a growing list of serious concerns.

As one Detroit Free Press <u>article</u> summarized, "The Michigan State Police, reeling from a 2023 exam-rigging scandal at the Flint post that ended five careers, is in turmoil amid controversial promotions, a wave of departures, and the director's response to a fatal chase."

Accountability and integrity matter when it comes to the men and women who put on the uniform of our state police. In June, more than 98% of MSP troopers — an astounding majority of over 1,000 of Michigan's finest — voted no confidence in the leadership of Grady and Brimacombe.

Since then, many state leaders have implored you — on behalf of our brave troopers and the good people of this state — to take executive action if Grady and Brimacombe refuse to step down voluntarily. It is time to act.

Thank you, and we look forward to your swift and decisive action on this matter.

Sincerely,

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