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The Honorable Dana Nessel Attorney General State of Michigan P.O. Box 30212 Lansing, Michigan 48909

Attorney General Nessel,

I am writing to you today to request that you investigate possible criminal charges against Michigan State Police Lt. Col. Aimee Brimacombe. Allegations have been made that warrant a criminal investigation into her personal use of a state-issued vehicle.

She was previously investigated by the Michigan State Police Professional Standards Section for misuse of that vehicle. It is alleged that she accumulated over 10,000 miles of personal use on the vehicle over a period of time. As part of the internal investigation, it was revealed that she was disciplined for misuse of the vehicle and disobeying a direct order, possibly related to failing to return the vehicle as ordered. A Detroit Free Press <u>article</u> published last June highlighted the incident and noted that she received only a pitiful punishment of a five-day suspension, which was enforced by forfeiting five vacation days.

I have been informed by sources within the Michigan State Police that you were asked to investigate this matter but declined, citing that the incident did not meet a high enough financial threshold. Those same sources reported that you also declined to investigate because no one had formally requested it. Please consider this letter a formal request for an investigation.

I am attaching a <u>media release</u> your office issued regarding a former Unemployment Insurance Agency employee who was convicted of a five-year felony for embezzlement. That employee committed the same offense now being alleged against Lt. Col. Brimacombe regarding the use of a state-issued vehicle.

I am confident you and your office would not apply a double standard in this situation. As Michigan's top law enforcement official, it is incumbent on you to have this matter criminally investigated by your Criminal Investigations Division.

In addition, I have attached a letter and previous request for a criminal investigation from retired MSP Capt. Michael Caldwell regarding other possible crimes committed by Brimacombe that you and the MSP apparently declined to investigate. I would like to know if your office ever initiated a criminal investigation into those allegations. If not, I am requesting you do so now.

The recent overwhelming votes of no confidence issued by the Michigan State Troopers Association and the Michigan State Police Command Officers Association regarding MSP's top leadership demonstrate a serious need for accountability within the agency. These investigations would be a step toward ensuring accountability — both for the honest, hardworking MSP troopers and the taxpayers of Michigan.

I look forward to your immediate response to this request.

Respectfully,

State Sen. Jim Runestad

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