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January 20, 2024

Mr. Collin Sims
206 Covington St.
Madisonville LA, 70447

Dear Mr. Sims:

As members of the Louisiana State Police Commission, we are writing to ask you to cease and desist from using the photograph of Louisiana State Troopers that you have incorporated into your campaign advertisements. In the original footage, the state troopers in that photograph were standing together outside a courthouse following the conviction of a murderer. Your campaign has used that photograph in a false light to depict those troopers as standing in support of your campaign. This was done so without their permission.

The Louisiana Constitution specifically prohibits classified members of the state police force from engaging in political activity. Had those troopers who are pictured given their consent for you to use their images adjacent to you on billboards and in other campaign propaganda, their actions would be considered prohibited political activity. State troopers risk discipline up to and including termination for violating this law. More importantly this provision of the Louisiana Constitution was created in order to maintain a police force that represents all citizens of the state of Louisiana and not a specific party or candidate in the political realm.

It is our sincere wish and expectation that you will honor these state troopers and remove that photograph from your campaign material.

Sincerely,

Eulis Simien, Jr.

Eulis Simien, Jr. (Jan 20, 2024 17:04 CST)

Mr. Eulis Simien, Jr., Chairman

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Monty Montelongo (Jan 20, 2024 17:09 CST)

Lt. Monty C. Montelongo, Vice-Chairman

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Oliver Jenkins (Jan 20, 2024 17:30 CST)

Mr. Oliver G. Jenkins, Member

Jared Caruso-Riecke

Jared Caruso-Riecke (Jan 22, 2024 12:36 CST)

Mr. Jared J. Caruso-Riecke, Member

Bernell Nevil, Jr.

Bernell Nevil, Jr. (Jan 20, 2024 18:39 CST)

Mr. Bernell Nevil, Jr., Member

Mark "Aubrey" Cole

Mark "Aubrey" Cole (Jan 21, 2024 16:18 CST)

Mr. Mark "Aubrey" Cole, Member

Tony Pierite

Tony Pierite (Jan 21, 2024 17:31 CST)

Mr. Tony P. Pierite, Member

cc: Louisiana State Troopers Association

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