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Mr. Hannaman,

Thank you for your email and for your service to the Louisiana State Police, State Police Commission, and the state of Louisiana.

For over 17 years Collin Sims has worked alongside members of the Louisiana State Police as well as local and federal law enforcement officers. He honors and respects their commitment to their job and the people they serve and protect in the line of duty.

The image in question is of Collin Sims, executing his duties as Chief of the Criminal Division for the 22nd Judicial District Attorney's Office, at a public press conference in Covington, Louisiana on October 13, 2023, with the family of Captain Vincent Liberto, a Mandeville police officer murdered in the line of duty.

In addition to family members of Captain Liberto, individuals in attendance included prosecutors and law enforcement officers from various agencies involved with the case. The video feed of the press conference was broadcast live on television and the internet and numerous still images were published in multiple online and print media sources.

The usage of the picture is not in violation of any law or rule for Mr. Sims or those pictured alongside him. The image on the billboard does not indicate or insinuate any endorsement from any individual in the photograph. It is a public picture of Collin Sims doing his job in a public space.

What should be concerning to the commission, those who govern it, and the general public, is the apparent involvement herein by Louisiana State Police Commission member Jared Caruso-Riecke and any direct or indirect involvement he may have with the upcoming election for the 22nd Judicial District Attorney's Office. Direct or indirect involvement by Mr. Riecke in support of candidate Vincent Wynne, or any other candidate, appears to be in violation of the Louisiana Constitution (Article 10, Section 47) and Louisiana State Police Commission Rules (LSPC Rule 14.2).

The purpose of any appointment to the Louisiana State Police Commission is to be in service to the citizens of Louisiana. It is disappointing to see this commission potentially used in a political manner in contrast to its mission, state law, and its own rules.

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