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LT. GOVERNOR

May 21, 2008

VIA MAIL AND FACSIMILE

The Honorable Kwame M. Kilpatrick
Mayor
City of Detroit
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226

The Honorable Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr.
City Council President
City of Detroit
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
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Detroit, Michigan 48226

Re: *In the Matter of the Request for the Removal of Kwame M. Kilpatrick from the Office of Mayor of the City of Detroit, No. EO-2008-004-LO*

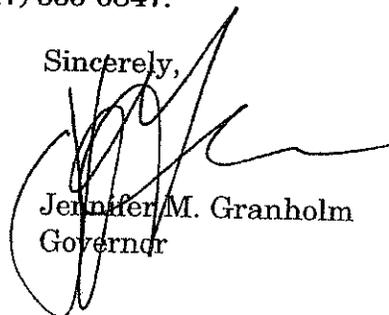
Dear Mayor Kilpatrick and Council President Cockrel:

Yesterday, I received charges against Mayor Kilpatrick, exhibited to me in writing, verified by an affidavit signed by President Cockrel indicating that he believes the charges to be true, and seeking the removal from office of Mayor Kilpatrick as provided under Const 1963, art 7, § 33 and MCL 168.327. Even though the duties imposed upon a governor by these provisions of Michigan law are executive in nature, because the removal power must be exercised by the governor in a manner that affords due process, it has been held that a proceeding for removal of a public officer is a quasi-judicial proceeding.

To assure that any proceeding that may result under MCL 168.327 is conducted in a quasi-judicial fashion and recognizing that in such circumstances I would be functioning in a manner similar to that of a judicial officer, I request that each of you designate counsel or a representative to speak for you in this matter. I ask that this designation be made quickly, as soon as today, if possible.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact my legal counsel, Kelly G. Keenan, at (517) 335-6847.

Sincerely,



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

c: Kelly G. Keenan
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