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*This Letter Sent VIA Email Only*

Re: *Ledford v MSP, et al.*  
Court of Claims Case No. 23-000009-MZ  
(Judge James Robert Redford)

Dear Senators, Representatives, and Directors:

MCL 18.1396 directs that the Attorney General notify you in the event of a settlement or consent judgment in excess of \$200,000. Accordingly, I am notifying you that, with the concurrence of the Michigan State Police and the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, the claims of Plaintiff Matthew Ledford

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resolved via an agreement to settle for \$850,000.00 on behalf of Defendants Michigan State Police and Jason Newcomb.

The Plaintiff alleged that he suffered from traumatic brain injury and concussion resulting in lingering post-concussive syndrome, bilateral cervico occipital neuralgia, cognitive deficits, autonomic nervous system dysfunction, vertical heterophoria, occipital neuralgia, occipital nerve dysfunction, cervical spondylosis, and acute cervical strain/sprain. These alleged injuries arose from a July 21, 2022, motor-vehicle accident involving the Plaintiff and Motor Carrier Officer Jason Newcomb, who was employed by the Michigan State Police at the time of the accident. After the accident, the Plaintiff filed suit in the Court of Claims against Defendants Michigan State Police and Jason Newcomb.

Had this matter proceeded to trial, damages considerably in excess of the settlement amount were possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Steffen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Steffen  
Director, Office of Legislative Affairs  
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