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This Letter Sent VIA Email Only

Re: *Miguel Ortiz, et al v Michael David Fox, et al.*
Court of Claims, Docket No. 22-000206-MK (Judge Sima G. Patel)

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 Miguel Ortiz, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Senovia Ortiz, Deceased, and Plaintiff

Maria Adrian resolved via an agreement to settle for \$4,500,000.00 on behalf of Defendants Michigan State Police, State of Michigan, and Michael David Fox.

This lawsuit arose from an automobile collision that occurred in Gratiot County between Plaintiff Maria Adrian and a Michigan State Police patrol car that was responding to an emergency call.

The impact of the crash allegedly caused injuries to Plaintiff, and to her passenger. The passenger was Plaintiff's mother, and she ultimately passed away as a result of her injuries.

Through mediation, the parties reached a settlement of \$4,500,000. Had this matter proceeded to trial, damages and attorney fees considerably in excess of the settlement amount, perhaps millions of additional dollars, were possible.

Sincerely,

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

Ashley Steffen
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