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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Office of the Governor
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

The Pennsylvania State Troopers Association respectfully requests that you recall your nomination of Marcus Brown to become Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

There have been a number of issues that have caused our members to question whether Mr. Brown is the right person for the job. As you know, the latest episode involves an investigation that has been initiated concerning Mr. Brown removing yard signs and placing them into his state-issued vehicle. While members of the Pennsylvania State Police may not agree with the decision to put up the signs, Mr. Brown's actions to remove them showed extremely poor judgment. Shortly after his nomination, Mr. Brown gave a speech to our department's commissioned officers and stated they will be held to a higher standard. I ask of you, who is going to hold Mr. Brown to that same higher standard?

Further, the actions and circumstances surrounding Mr. Brown have garnered embarrassing national media attention. In turn, it has become an embarrassment to your office, our department, and all rank-and-file Troopers.

Mr. Brown has said that his decision to wear the Pennsylvania State Police uniform was meant to honor the men and women of the department, but his actions have fallen well short of that statement.

For these reasons, it is my duty to inform you that the PSTA Board held a vote of "No Confidence." The Board was unanimous in its belief that they do not have confidence in Mr. Brown to lead the Pennsylvania State Police. We, again, respectfully ask that you recall your nomination of Marcus Brown.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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