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Board of Governors
Wayne State University
656 West Kirby
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Dear Members of the Board,

We are reaching out about the proposed code of conduct you will consider at your next meeting on Friday, March 20, 2020. As you are aware the university's accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission, has asked the Board to adopt such a code and has given the university until March 24, 2020 to report on its progress toward this and other recommendations. The Commission has made clear that it could take further action and the options are no secret, up to and including withdrawal of the university's accreditation.

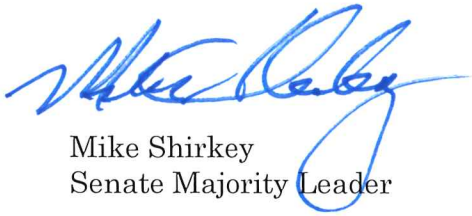
Wayne State University is one of our state's greatest educational assets. It graduates more professionals that remain in Michigan than any other university. It is a critical part of Michigan's history, and it will help define Michigan's future. For this and many other reasons, we strongly urge you to adopt one code of conduct, acceptable to the Higher Learning Commission, at your next meeting. Discuss it. Refine it. Let every member's voice be heard. But please adopt it and commit yourself to it.

You are stewards of an amazing institution and we trust you will make the right decision.

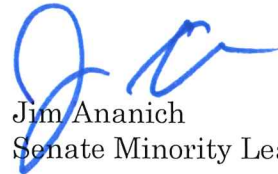
Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

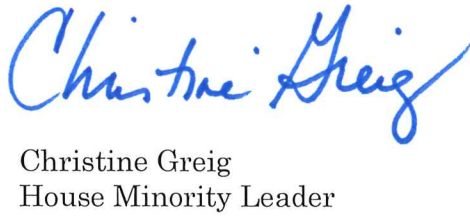
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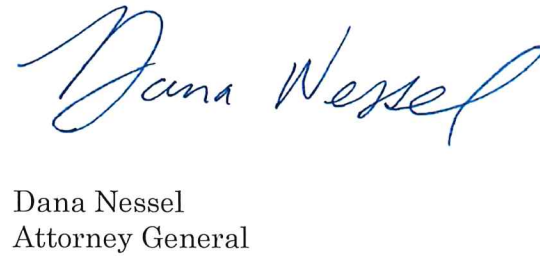
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