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The Honorable Jason Wentworth
Speaker of the House of Representatives
164 Michigan State Capitol Building
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Dear Speaker Wentworth,

We are deeply concerned by Robert Regan's continued candidacy for State House and by the possibility of him being a seated State Representative three weeks from now. His long history of public comments trafficking in racist stereotypes, antisemitic conspiracy theories, and his deeply horrific comments about sexual assault raise serious questions about the ability to provide a safe and harassment free environment for members and staff should he be elected in May.

In 2020, you and then-Speaker Chatfield swiftly condemned the candidacy of Paul Smith who came out in defense of the men plotting to kidnap and kill Governor Whitmer. The statement you co-authored declared unequivocally that "conspiracy theories and hateful remarks do not represent" your caucus's values and that you would not be supporting him in any way.

Regarding Mr. Regan, Republican leadership has left several questions unanswered. We feel compelled to ask these questions to give you the opportunity as Speaker to affirm your commitment to the safety and security of House members and staff and to providing an environment free of harassment and sexual assault.

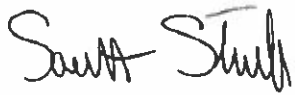
Robert Regan has openly joked about sexual assault, suggesting women "lie back and enjoy it." He has shared deeply disturbing and racist posts on social media, including a sexually explicit altered photo of George Floyd. He has also trafficked in wildly antisemitic conspiracy theories, posting content from a pro-Nazi website calling feminism a "Jewish program" designed to "subjugate men" and has shared a conspiracy theory video calling for the targeted killings of world leaders including President Biden.

Mr. Speaker, given his reprehensible statements that are clearly hateful, rooted in conspiracy theories, and that pose a threat to members and staff, we ask will Robert Regan, should he be elected as State Representative in May:

1. be allowed to serve on committees?
2. be allowed to supervise and manage staff?

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that these questions be answered as Robert Regan poses a clear and credible threat to the safety of female members and staff, members and staff of color, and members and staff of the Jewish faith. If you are unable to provide definitive answers to the above, we then ask, what about the values of the Republican caucus has changed since 2020 that you are now willing to embrace conspiracy theories, violence, and misogyny?

Sincerely,



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