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Dear Law Enforcement Partners:

On behalf of the Department of Attorney General, I would like to communicate how our office may be able to assist Michigan law enforcement on issues of implementation and enforcement of the Governor's Emergency Executive Orders (EEO).

Our residents are counting on us, and the Department of Attorney General will respond to inquiries or requests for assistance that Michigan law enforcement may have. Based upon the sheer volume of calls from the public, we are looking to local law enforcement to be the first-line agencies to receive complaints of possible violations of an EEO. If law enforcement agencies encounter clear violations that result in presenting a case for prosecution and the local prosecutor is unable to handle the matter, our office is prepared to receive those cases.

We request your assistance, and the assistance of your membership, to get the word out to their agencies of this approach. There will be no substitute for a local response to complaints of this nature and a timely response may be critical to further the public health purpose of the EEOs.

When it comes to price-gouging, COVID-19 scams and other consumer concerns, I encourage you to share our consumer protection hotline – 877-765-8388 – as well as our online complaint form (www.michigan.gov/agcomplaints) – with your employees, colleagues and residents.

Also, please do not hesitate to reach out to David Tanay, Acting Division Chief of the Criminal Trials and Appeals Division to discuss further. David may be reached by calling 517-335-7650 or via <u>tanayd@michigan.gov</u>.

We look forward to working together with you in ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan residents during this incredibly challenging time.

Best Regards,

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