## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## Morgan State University Issues Statement Regarding the Letter Received from MSU Fraternal Order of Police

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Morgan State University appreciates the role that the Morgan State University Police Department (MSUPD) has played and continues to play in keeping our campus safe and secure. Throughout the October 3rd incident that transpired and in its aftermath, MSUPD has been unwavering and proficient in its overall responsiveness and service to the Morgan community. The acknowledged receipt of this letter from the MSU Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) over the weekend was completely unexpected and surprising. Prior to the receipt of this letter, a meeting had already been scheduled between University Administration and the new leadership of the MSU FOP. The release of this letter to the media in advance of this scheduled meeting taking place and before it could be thoroughly reviewed, is unfortunate. The scheduled meeting will proceed as planned and the University looks forward to using the opportunity to address the concerns identified in the letter. As a result of these concerns, which have only just been brought to the attention of University leadership, the University is committed to conducting a full investigation of all allegations pertaining to the MSUPD and its operations. In the interim, the University remains confident in the abilities of Morgan's police department under the steady leadership of Chief Lance Hatcher. We thank the members of the MSUPD for their untiring efforts to keep the Morgan community and our campus safe. "

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