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The Pennsylvania General Assembly
501 North 3rd Street
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Legislative Leaders,

I am writing to you today to provide an update on Jeffrey B. Miller's independent security review following a perimeter breach, attempted homicide, and arson attack at the Governor's Residence in the early morning on Sunday, April 13, 2025.

As Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), I am keenly aware that this attack on the Governor's Residence was not just an attack on an individual residence – it was an attack on the very highest levels of government in our Commonwealth. A highly visible, publicly owned property was badly damaged, and the safety of the Governor and the First Family was gravely threatened.

PSP is responsible for the security of the Governor's Residence and the protection of the Governor and his family. I want to assure you that PSP takes full responsibility for the security failures that allowed this attack to take place – and we are committed to ensuring a security breach such as this one can never happen again. I am personally overseeing the effort to review the attack and the conditions that allowed it to occur, as we work to make critical improvements to our operations.

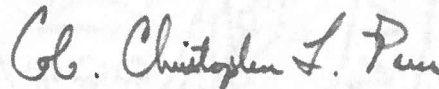
As you know, on April 18, 2025, PSP retained the consulting services of strategic security consultant Jeffrey B. Miller for an independent security review of the Governor's Residence, in order to complement a security assessment by PSP already underway. Our agency worked to provide Mr. Miller and his team with the information needed to assess security protocols before, during, and after the incident. Mr. Miller delivered his full report to PSP and the Governor's Office on April 28, 2025, and briefed senior leaders on April 29, 2025. It is important to note that Mr. Miller's review focused entirely on security protocols and an assessment of security infrastructure – the investigation into the events of April 13, 2025, is being conducted by prosecuting authorities.

As a result of Mr. Miller's review and our own internal assessment, PSP has already implemented several of the recommendations laid out in the report, including requiring regular, more frequent security assessments at the Governor's Residence to ensure PSP's protective services are prepared for emerging threats and creating a uniformed division within the Executive Services Office in charge of building security at the Residence. The new division will maintain an additional visible physical presence at the Residence, utilizing marked police vehicles and will be trained in emergency response. PSP is also working with the Department of General Services to make improvements to the Residence's physical layout, including the installation of a new anti-climb fence.

PSP is in the process of making additional significant improvements to our security systems following our analysis and a thorough review of Mr. Miller's final report and recommendations. While some of those improvements will be clearly visible to the public – such as the new anti-climb fence – many will not be. In detailing those improvements, Mr. Miller's report includes sensitive and detailed information about the operational security at the Governor's Residence and within the Executive Services Office. Its release to the public would obviously risk jeopardizing the safety of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, their families, and all PSP protectees. I know the safety of these public officials and their families is of paramount importance to all of us and appreciate your understanding that PSP cannot release the report due to those significant security risks.

PSP values the trust of the people we serve, and I believe this review by an independent examiner with first-hand knowledge of our Commonwealth government, along with tangible improvements to our operations, will help us continue to earn that trust. PSP takes full responsibility for the events of that evening, and we are doing everything possible to prevent any security breach like this attack from ever happening again – and we will continue to work with all of you to protect and serve the people of this Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Col. Christopher L. Paris". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. The "C" is large and loops around the "ol". The "Paris" is written in a more straightforward cursive.

Colonel Christopher L. Paris
Commissioner