

Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

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Senator Scott Fitzgerald Room 211 South State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Representative Robin Vos Room 217 West State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53707 Senator Jennifer Shilling Room 206 South State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Representative Gordon Hintz Room 201 West State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Senator Fitzgerald, Senator Shilling, Representative Vos, and Representative Hintz:

As you know, I requested that the National Guard Bureau's Office of Complex Investigations (OCI) assess the Wisconsin National Guard's handling of sexual harassment and sexual assault allegations. Since this spring, OCI has conducted a thorough, complete investigation of the Wisconsin National Guard's policies and procedures. This includes canvassing approximately 1,600 personnel, conducting 78 in-depth interviews, reviewing more than 1,100 documents, and visiting 10 military sites throughout our state.

On November 25, OCI's Brigadier General Chris Rofrano, Brigadier General Kelly Fisher, and Colonel Erin McMahon briefed me on the assessment's findings. Since that time, OCI has been working with the Wisconsin National Guard to set a time to brief Major General Dunbar, it is tentatively set for this Saturday. Shortly after this occurs, I will release the entire report to the public. I will also announce what steps I will take to address OCI's findings and ensure that our men and women in uniform work in an environment free from sexual assault, sexual harassment, and retaliation.

Due to the gravity of the situation and the report's findings, I believe that it is important that you are also briefed by OCI on the report. OCI has agreed to provide you with a briefing on Monday, December 10, at 2:30 pm. If you cannot attend at that time, please feel free to send a staffer in your place.

Sincerely,

Tony Ereis

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