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**NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT CALLS FOR THE
RESIGNATION OF LOUISIANA GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS AND
FEDERAL OVERSIGHT OF THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE**

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In light of the recent developments brought to light by the Associated Press and WBRZ into the case of Ronald Greene, it is clear that the highest office in the State of Louisiana not only knew of Mr. Greene's death hours after his murder, but used its heavy hand to suppress the truth instead of help bring justice to the Greene family. Justice was traded for political capital and survival. Hours after his death, then head of the Louisiana State Police, Col. Kevin Reeves informed Governor Edwards of Mr. Greene dying in LSP custody due to a violent struggle. Yet, he stayed silent while LSP and their attorney(s) perpetuated a lie that Mr. Greene died due to injuries sustained in a car accident.

Despite claims that his office has not interfered in the investigation into the death of Ronald Greene, there are multiple text messages from himself and his attorney to those intimately involved in the investigation of Mr. Greene's death. District Attorney John Belton went as far as ask permission from the Governor to meet with the Greene family after the video of his violent death went public. We know that the Governor's attorney was in frequent communication with both District Attorney Belton and acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, Alex Van Hook regarding the Greene investigation. We also know that the Governor was aware of other crimes committed by LSP (i.e. Aaron Bowman).

Part of my promise as President of the National Bar Association was to create a Critical Response Team to elevate the causes of families victimized by police violence. That mission is non-partisan. Regardless if you are a Republican or a Democrat you must be held accountable. Governor Edwards whether you were directly responsible or not, the State of Louisiana oversaw the murder and cover-up of a citizen of its State, who happened to be black. You doubled down on the cover-up as late as September 15, 2021 in which you were quoted as saying "the issue would be did he die from the injuries sustained in the accident." Mr. Governor we saw the video we know how he died. In an interview, Col. Lamar Davis (current head of LSP) indicated he's open to federal oversight in response to the calls for transparency and accountability.

So now, I am calling upon both. First, accountability as President of the National Bar Association, I am calling for you resignation for all reasons above stated. Secondly, just as Col. Davis said in an interview, he is "open to federal oversight," we welcome that as well in form of a consent decree.

Sincerely,

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President of the National Bar Association