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**THE SENATE
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

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The Honorable Kristi Noem Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland Security 3801 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20528

RE: Urgent Request for Removal of Your Partisan Video at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW)

Dear Secretary Noem,

I am writing to you today as the State Senator representing Michigan's 4th Senate District, which is home to the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW). It has come to my attention that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), an agency under your department's jurisdiction, is broadcasting a video in which you, in your official capacity, blame the Democratic party for the federal government shutdown.

The travelers who utilize DTW, and the hardworking staff who keep them safe, hold a wide range of political opinions. On behalf of the travelers and DTW staff that I represent, I am formally requesting that you direct the TSA to immediately cease broadcasting this inappropriate and partisan message at DTW and all other federal security checkpoints.

DTW serves as the gateway to Michigan for the world and is a critical economic engine for our region. The security screening area is a place where travelers are a captive audience, focused on compliance and safety. Your decision to use this federal space to broadcast a divisive political message is a misuse of your official position and an abuse of the public's trust.

This action is in direct conflict with the principles of the Hatch Act of 1939, which clearly prohibits the use of official federal positions or government resources for partisan political purposes. The law is specifically designed to prevent both the appearance and the reality of a politicized federal workforce. By using your title and taxpayer-funded TSA infrastructure to assign blame for a government shutdown along party lines, you are engaging in the very "pernicious political activities" the Act was designed to prevent.

The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA), our local partner responsible for managing the airport, has already made a reasonable and necessary request for this video to be taken down. Their request puts travelers and the integrity of our laws first, and it deserves your immediate and full cooperation. I applaud the WCAA for their swift decision to place public signs at the airport clarifying their commitment to non-partisanship. Let's keep politics out of our airports and focus on keeping travelers safe.

I look forward to your prompt attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrin Camilleri".

Darrin Camilleri
Michigan State Senate – 4th District