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Dear Governor Healey and Colonel Mawn,

I am writing on behalf of the current unpaid suspension and investigation into MA State Trooper Michael Proctor. My name is Matthew McCabe, I am actually one of the state's witnesses in the Karen Read trial.

I do not condone the private text messages that Trooper Proctor shared with his friends and colleagues, but in no way do those text messages warrant a termination of Trooper Proctor. He has worked tirelessly on this case, as well as others, and those text messages played no role into his or the team's investigation into the death of John O'Keefe.

Trooper Proctor and his wife, along with myself, my wife, my family, and friends have been attacked and vilified in the media and on social media platforms. The accusations and harassment are like nothing I or you have ever seen. It is unprecedented, and the focus should be on protecting those involved. Your frustration and attention should be directed at the behavior of the defense and their collusion with working with bloggers to vilify and attack anyone associated with this case. What this defense team has done is a disgrace to the Massachusetts Judicial System. If this is the way Law and Order will be practiced moving forward, the State of MA under your watch should prepare for a lawless society.

The federal government inserted themselves in this case, for what reasons I do not know, but all they have done has given validation for the media and the online bloggers to attack the State Police and the State's Witnesses. During the federal investigation private text messages from Michael Proctor were submitted to counsel in the Karen Read Trail. What we did not see was any collusion or conspiracy to frame Karen Read in those private messages, because it DID NOT happen. What I do not understand is why the federal government felt that it was important to share those private text messages, but at no point did they find it important to share that there was no conspiracy or cover up of the murder of John O'Keefe. Since this investigation became public at the hands of the defense team leaking this, we have watched multiple innocent State Witnesses be tormented and accused of the murder of their friend. When in fact all the witnesses tried to do was help. Our justice system is broken, and this case shows that nobody will want to be a States Witness in the future.

In conclusion, I understand a suspension of Trooper Proctor for his unprofessional behavior is warranted, but in no way should you terminate a great officer of the state. As a MA State Trooper with a young family and a life in law enforcement in front of him, you should not take that away from him. You are aware that Trooper Proctor did not compromise the State Police investigation into the death of John O'Keefe. As the leaders of the State of MA you should not cower and let the Free Karen Read group direct and bully you into a regrettable decision.

Governor Healey and Colonel Mawn, I plead with you to make a statement that shows support for your Team. Stand up for the men and women of the MA State Police and stand behind their investigation and the charges that were brought against Karen Read. The removal of Trooper Proctor will only continue the charade that Karen Read and her defense have unleashed on this great state and will compromise the States retrial of Karen Read.

Thank you very much for reading this, and I hope you make the right and ethical decision to keep Trooper Proctor on the job.

Best Regards,

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