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May 8, 2020

The Honorable Governor Whitmer
George W. Romney Building
111 S Capitol Ave
Lansing, MI 48933

The Honorable Governor Whitmer,

I am calling on you today to instruct the necessary agencies in the State of Michigan to open a formal investigation into the incident that took place at Cherry Health Heart of the City Health Center in Grand Rapids, where a COVID-19 testing line was staged and later aired on 'CBS This Morning.' In light of the Project Veritas video that was published May 6, 2020, the full truth of what happened still has not been established.

Yesterday, in a nationally televised press conference from the Oval Office, the President of the United States weighed in on this matter. This has only amplified the growing negative national attention Michigan has received. While our economy has been shuttered compared to other states, it is now front and center on a national embarrassment that calls into question the trust and reliability we can have in Cherry Health administrators.

Cherry Health is a taxpayer funded entity and as such should receive proper oversight. Instances like this where taxpayer dollars are potentially being utilized for propaganda, not only lacks integrity but is also dishonest and disrespectful to our taxpayers. Taxpayers deserve to know that their dollars are being spent properly and in a principled manner.

As elected officials, the importance of transparency in this COVID-19 crisis has never been greater. It is our responsibility to ensure Michigan residents and Americans alike know the whole truth about what really happened between CBS News and Cherry Health.

I demand you take immediate and decisive action and prevent such behavior from happening again.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Johnson".

Rep. Steve Johnson
72nd District