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The LLBC Demands for Transparency in the Case of Ronald Greene

Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Last year in 2020, the NAACP reached out to the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus (LLBC) regarding pictures received of the injuries sustained by Ronald Greene at the hands of Louisiana State Police. The NAACP was critical in bringing forth information that exposed what we all now know to be a cover-up by the LSP.

As more information was revealed and more incidents were made public involving the LSP by the work of the NAACP – the efforts of the LLBC became more involved. The LLBC asked for a significant change to be made in leadership within the LSP. Today, because of the advocacy efforts of community leaders and the LLBC, we now have a new colonel and for the first time in history three of the four state troopers who are African American were promoted to top leadership positions within the LSP organization.

The LLBC is currently ushering several critical bills through the legislature to address much needed reforms, restore the trust in law enforcement, and hold bad apples accountable for misconduct. Last week, the LLBC asked for the full release of all video footage regarding the incident concerning Ronald Greene. Our caucus remains heartbroken for the family of Mr. Greene and focused on addressing the culture within LSP.

A letter will be drafted by the LLBC to the Department of Justice requesting an update on their investigation and a request to expedite. Additionally, we will request a complete report with a detailed timeline from LSP regarding the results of the disciplinary actions taken against all troopers involved in the traffic stop, beating and cover-up of the death of Ronald Greene. The LLBC membership is committed to the needed policy changes in our state while pushing for transparent communications from LSP and accountability, for all state troopers involved in this incident and others of police brutality.

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Established in 1977, the primary purpose of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus is to raise the quality of life for those underrepresented, the indigent and working people through legislation, education and economic development.