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ASSOCIATION CRITICIZES GOVERNOR GRANHOLMS LOCKOUT OF STATE POLICE TROOPERS AND SERGEANTS

Safety of Michigan's Citizens is Placed at Grave Risk

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The Michigan State Police Troopers Association (MSPTA) is criticizing Governor Granholm's lockout of 85% of the State Police troopers and sergeants from their duties to protect Michigan's citizens on Monday.

The Association has been informed that only 237 of its 1,554 troopers and sergeants will be working when the state shuts down. "This dismal number equates to 85% of our troopers and sergeants being locked out. Essentially the backbone of this department" said Mike Moorman, Association president. "The governor cannot say that she is maintaining adequate essential services when the bulk of the state police are sitting at home, locked out from their worksites."

The need for State Police service was never more evident than a few days ago when a Lansing area single mother found that her child did not return home from school. While local agencies bickered over jurisdictional lines and refused to respond, a State Police trooper took swift action and helped this mother locate her child.

Moorman added, "It makes no sense that Michigan's citizens, along with our partners in law enforcement are being deprived of sufficient public safety services. In addition to state police patrols across the state, support services to local law enforcement such as forensic science laboratories and Homeland Security are also being shut down due to this lockout. Governor Granholm has made a poor decision. Obviously, she has not consulted with the Legislature to determine what is in the best safety interests of Michigan's citizens."

Association Vice President Chris Luty stated, "Our troopers and sergeants have taken an oath to protect Michigan's citizens. Governor Granholm has taken a similar oath. The integrity of those oaths is unconditional. In conjunction with the Michigan State Police Command Officers Association (MSPCOA), we are calling on our members to continue to honor that oath and report for duty on October 1."