PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Recent Comments from the Governor

To the People of Fremont, Greeting:

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA— It is both saddening and disappointing to hear that the Governor plans on shutting down the office that was recently created. The entire purpose of this office was to protect and defend the victims of religious abuses and crimes. The Governor claims that this office was created for a "publicity stunt," which is a disgusting claim to even accuse me of; this office was created to deal with a genuine issue that exists in almost very major and minor religious institutions in the state and this country. This directive was issued, and I created the office for an issue that needs the utmost attention and impacts millions.

I could not imagine why the Governor would think this, it is beyond disgusting, and he should be ashamed. And while this order is not yet official, as there is no Executive Order, I expect it soon since the Governor needs some assistance discharging his duties. Regardless, I will continue this fight on behalf of all those impacted by the abuses and crimes of men who believe they are above the law, despite what the Governor says. I hope and suspect that the citizens of Fremont will not stand for this blatant attack on the rule of law.

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