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Press Conference

In recent days, media reports have surfaced that Governor Kay Ivey and members of her staff abused their power by directing law enforcement to conceal the truth regarding her April 2015 hospitalization in Colorado.

These same media reports allege that Governor Ivey and her team demanded and secured the reassignment and demotion of a state trooper even though he was following orders and established protocols.

Deceiving the people of Alabama and abuse of power are very serious charges and mirror the actions of former Governor Robert Bentley. His actions are still costing the taxpayers dearly.

We cannot afford to make that mistake again.

Let's be absolutely clear. This is not about Governor Ivey's health.

This is about abuse of power. This is about a cover-up.

Alabama is ranked as one of the most corrupt states in the Union which is unacceptable.

With 19 days before the voters go to the polls, Alabamians deserve to know the truth. They deserve to know whether Governor Ivey can be trusted.

Understanding this, I call upon Governor Ivey to immediately release all emails, texts, communications and all other documents, including medical records related to the events of April 2015. This information must be available to the public for inspection and it needs to be released without delay.

Further, Governor Ivey must answer these simple questions that could begin to clarify this matter:

1. Did your security detail notify their superiors that doctors in Colorado were hospitalizing you due to multiple mini-strokes (TIAs)?
2. Did your chief of staff or any member of your staff instruct sworn agents of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) to keep the situation secret?
3. Was Governor Bentley notified that you had multiple mini strokes in Colorado?
4. Was Speaker Mike Hubbard notified that you had multiple mini strokes in Colorado?

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5. Following the April 2015 hospitalization in Colorado, did you meet with former ALEA Director Spencer Collier to discuss the trooper assigned to your detail?
6. Did you or any member of your staff request that the trooper assigned to your detail be re-assigned following the April 2015 hospitalization in Colorado?
7. Have there been any attempts by yourself or your staff to manipulate, manufacture or hide the facts surrounding the April 2015 hospitalization in Colorado?

As I stated earlier, this is not about Governor Ivey's health.

This is about lying. This is about abuse of power. This is about a cover-up.

This is about the continued corruption that has run rampant like a cancer for too many years in Montgomery.

This is a crisis of confidence.

This is a moment for Governor Ivey to demonstrate complete transparency and accountability.

Casting blame onto others, demeaning public servants, or using fear will not work because Alabamians are sick and tired of cover-up and corruption.

Alabamians are also sick and tired of generic answers and soundbites that fail to answer the real questions.

We must confront corruption in Alabama and it begins now. This is the moment of truth.

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