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Statement of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys on Assistance to The Circuit Attorney's Office

Despite the abrupt resignation of St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner yesterday, the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA) remains committed to assisting the Circuit Attorney's Office in any way we can. We are willing to assist the Governor's temporary appointee Evan Rodriguez and the Attorney General's Office as well as the eventual Governor's appointee in any way requested. Prosecutors from across the state of Missouri have volunteered to assist. The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS), coordinating efforts with MAPA and the Attorney General's Office, have staff already on their way to assist with training, technology, victim support, and charging and prosecuting cases. We care deeply about victims of crime and public safety in St. Louis. The Association also expresses sincere appreciation to Wesley Bell and his leadership team for their assistance to the Circuit Attorney's office prior to Ms. Gardner's resignation.