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**Terry Norris**  
Executive Director  
Georgia Sheriffs' Association  
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**RE: Condemning the Georgia Sheriffs' Association's Pursuit of Attorney Fees Against Judge Glenda Hatchett and Supporting the 11 Georgia Sheriffs Who Stand for Justice**

Dear Executive Director Norris,

We, the undersigned members of the Georgia House of Representatives, write to express our deep concern and condemnation regarding the Georgia Sheriffs' Association's decision to pursue attorney fees from Judge Glenda Hatchett, a survivor of sexual assault, in the aftermath of an incident involving a former sheriff who pled guilty to sexual battery.

This action is not only legally questionable but morally indefensible. Pursuing financial penalties against a victim of sexual assault risks re-traumatizing the survivor, undermining public trust in law enforcement, and deterring others from coming forward, especially when the perpetrator holds a position of authority.

We commend the 11 Georgia Sheriffs who have taken a public stand against this harmful course of action and who have called upon the Association to withdraw the claim for attorney fees. These sheriffs have demonstrated moral courage, upholding the values of justice, accountability, and the protection of the vulnerable, values that should be the cornerstone of all law enforcement leadership.

We urge the Georgia Sheriffs' Association to immediately:

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1. Withdraw its claim for attorney fees against Judge Hatchett.
2. Issue a public statement reaffirming the Association's commitment to supporting survivors of sexual violence.
3. Adopt policies to ensure that no future Association action punishes victims of sexual assault for seeking justice.

This is not merely a legal matter, it is a moral one. The people of Georgia expect our law enforcement organizations to stand firmly on the side of truth, justice, and compassion for survivors. We look forward to your swift action to correct this grave misstep.

Sincerely,



**Rep. Viola Davis**  
Georgia House District 87



**Rep. Kim Schofield**  
Georgia House District 63



**Rep. Sandra Scott**  
Georgia House District 76