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**Statement of Secretary Benson on judge's decision to dismiss
criminal charges against Michigan 'false electors'**

Today, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson made the following statement on an Ingham County District Court judge's decision to dismiss criminal charges against 15 Michigan Republicans who falsely claimed to be Donald Trump's presidential electors in 2020.

"In 2020, Michigan was ground zero for a nationally organized, concerted effort to overturn a legitimate presidential election. The attempt to subvert the results of a free and fair election is an affront to our Constitution and a betrayal of American values.

"Since these individuals signed these false certificates more than four years ago, we have worked with lawmakers to pass additional laws and protections around the certification process. I am grateful to those who pursued justice, and who sought accountability in the name of our democracy.

"I'm committed to ensuring Michigan elections remain safe, secure, and the results reflect the will of the people – regardless of the outcome.

"But today's decision is also a poignant reminder that it's up to all of us to ensure democracy, our right to vote and to hold our elected officials accountable, prevails in Michigan and beyond. I remain dedicated to that work, and am grateful to every Michigander who shares that commitment."

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