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Colorado 50/50 Calls for Rep. Steve Lebsock's Resignation or Removal

Fort Collins, Colo. (January 4) – A group advocating for more women in leadership positions is calling on state Representative Steve Lebsock to resign.

According to published reports in the media, Lebsock faces allegations that he harassed, intimidated and made unwanted sexual advances toward eleven different women. Two of them – a lawmaker and a lobbyist – have filed formal workplace harassment complaints with the Legislature.

“Rep. Lebsock has breached the public’s trust. He has abused his position of power,” said Erin Hottenstein, founder of Colorado 50/50. “We have lost confidence in his ability to conduct the people’s business and we call on him to resign.”

“Should Rep. Lebsock fail to resign, we call on the Colorado House of Representatives to remove him from office,” she said. “The voters do not have time to intercede through an election.”

The Legislature is scheduled to begin its next session on January 10. Colorado 50/50 is advocating for the safety of women working there, especially in light of a letter from 40 staffers and interns requesting additional security around the building.

“If we need to remove people from office and hire extra security, then let’s do it,” Hottenstein said. “The Capitol should be a safe place to work.”

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