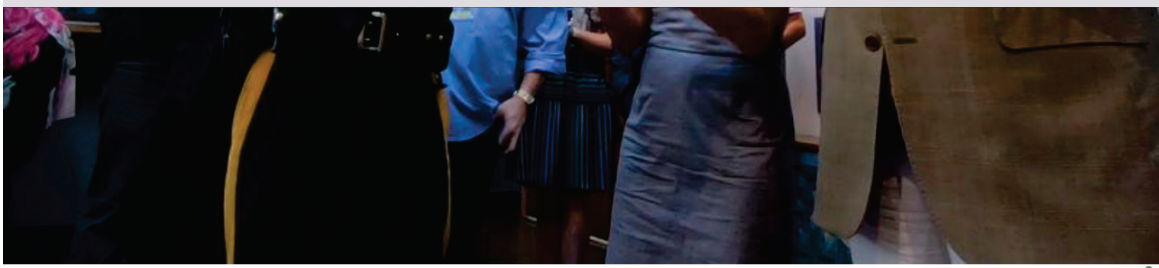


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Did State Police – and NJ’s First Lady – refuse to accommodate a breastfeeding cop? | Editorial

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Governor Phil Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy at an event with New Jersey State Police Superintendent Colonel Patrick Callahan. (Michael Mancuso | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com) Michael Mancuso | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com



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A female state trooper assigned to guard the home of Gov. Phil Murphy has filed a troubling lawsuit that claims First Lady Tammy Murphy rejected a request for her to pump breast milk in the family's carriage house during her breaks, and that she was promptly kicked off the executive detail by State Police.

This charge, if true, is pretty stunning: After all, it was Gov. Murphy who emphasized the importance of accommodating women in the workplace with measures like this, and the First Lady has done good work on maternal health. But were they unwilling to walk the walk when it came to tolerating this minor inconvenience at their own home?