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Ethical Decision-Making Response

I would take action to save the reputation of myself and my team. If my friend is willing to do something unscrupulous now, who knows what worse acts he is capable of as he is promoted in a public office. At first, I will advise my friend to do the right thing and admit who actually wrote the program before bringing the issue up with both the mayor and my professor.

Letting an incompetent, fraudulent person get promoted threatens the integrity of the team's credibility and work, but could also ruin the reputation of a politician like the mayor. Additionally, if I speak up maybe others will have the courage to speak up about other unethical acts. The long-term effect of not speaking up far outweighs the consequences of addressing plagiarism and dishonesty. The impact of not taking action is only exacerbated by the fact that such an immoral act is occurring in a public office. In conclusion, I must speak up, before my friend is promoted.