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The Honorable Eric Holder  
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*Re: United States v. Rubashkin*

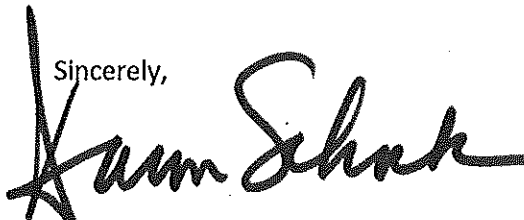
Dear Attorney General Holder:

I am writing in regard to the criminal prosecution of Sholom Rubashkin, the former manager of the Agriprocessors kosher meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa.

It has been brought to my attention that there are serious allegations of relevant information being withheld in this case. Too, it is my understanding that there are various reports concerning the unfortunate conduct of USDOJ personnel. I am told that there are possible transgressions or improper use of US Department of Justice policy that should cause your careful review, and where appropriate, corrective action. Additionally, I have learned about the significant controversy regarding the sentencing decision for Mr. Rubashkin. While I strongly believe that anyone rightfully convicted of violating our nation's laws should be properly punished for their crimes, I also believe that this must be accomplished without violation of judicial principles and with appropriate respect for the rights of the person being accused of the crimes.

I am writing to join many of my colleagues in the House and Senate in asking that you thoroughly investigate the claims that have been made by Mr. Rubashkin's legal team, so that you may insure the integrity of the actions that have been taken by your agency's team and the courts involved. Any response to this letter should be directed to my Peoria Congressional Office at the location indicated above.

Sincerely,



Aaron Schock  
Member of Congress

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