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The Honorable Eric Holder
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Dear Attorney General Holder,

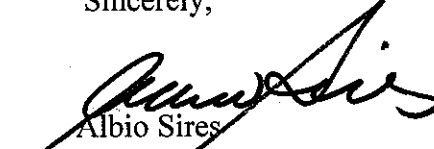
I am writing to you due to concerns that have been brought to my attention regarding the case of Sholom Rubashkin (U.S. v. Rubashkin). I request that the Department of Justice review this matter.

As you know, in May 2008, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers raided Agriprocessors, a meatpacking plant located in Postville, Iowa. Later that year, I visited Postville to investigate the raid that led to the detention of nearly 400 undocumented worker and the events surrounding it. Mr. Rubashkin, Agriprocessor's chief executive officer, was indicted on several charges as a result of the ICE raid, and ultimately he was convicted of bank fraud.

Since his conviction, allegations have arisen claiming misconduct during the U.S. v. Rubashkin case and questioning Mr. Rubashkin's sentencing. Mr. Rubashkin was convicted of financial crimes, and he was sentenced to 27 years in prison. For a 51 year-old man, this sentence essentially equates to a life sentence. Several lawyers, legal scholars, and former Attorney Generals have commented that this sentence length is unreasonable and disparate. Furthermore, information has been released stating that Judge Linda Reade, the judge presiding over Mr. Rubashkin's trial, had been involved with planning of the May 2008 raid, and her involvement was not disclosed to defense attorneys in the case.

I encourage the Department of Justice to review the allegations mentioned above. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress