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The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

I write regarding the criminal case and sentencing of Sholom Rubashkin. Mr. Rubashkin was found guilty of bank fraud in November 2009 by a jury from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. He was sentenced to 27 years in prison.

After hearing about the sentence, I discussed the matter with lawyers and judges. The judges noted that the sentence is longer than that historically imposed on other white-collar defendants, including Enron executive Jeffrey Skilling.

While I defer to you as to the facts of the case and do not dispute Mr. Rubashkin's conviction, I ask that your office review the appropriateness of the sentence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Cassidy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Bill Cassidy  
Member of Congress