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The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

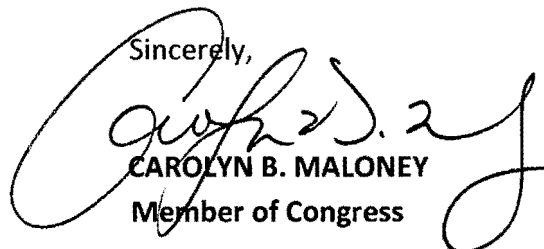
I write regarding the case of U.S. v. Rubashkin (Case No. 2:08-cr-01324-LRR). I have recently heard from a number of my constituents who have expressed concerns about the handling of this case by the Honorable Linda R. Reade, Chief Judge of the United States District Court in the Northern District of Iowa.

As you may know, Mr. Sholom Rubashkin is the former CEO of Agriprocessors in Postville, Iowa. Agriprocessors was the largest kosher meat packing and slaughterhouse in the United States. My constituents' concerns center around Judge Reade's alleged previous involvement in the planning of the May 2008 raid that led to Mr. Rubashkin's arrest. Mr. Rubashkin was found guilty in November 2009 of 86 accounts of financial fraud including bank fraud, mail and wire fraud and money laundering. In June 2010, he was sentenced to serve 27 years in prison, where he remains, in Otisville, New York. In January 2011 his lawyers filed an appeal for a new trial with the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Please review and advise me as to your conclusions, consistent with all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,


CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress