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IN RE: U.S. v. Rubashkin, Case No. 2:08-cr-01324-LRR (ND IA)

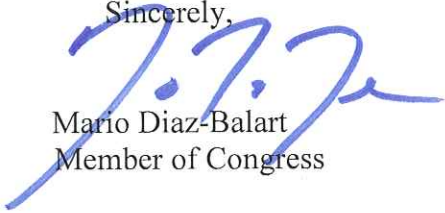
Dear Attorney General Holder:

I would like to call your attention to allegations of relevant information being withheld in the case against Mr. Sholom Rubashkin. It is my understanding that a Freedom of Information Act request revealed what might be considered improper communications between a federal judge, Chief Judge Linda R. Reade, federal prosecutors and investigators months prior to the arrest of Mr. Rubashkin.

Documents recently filed in the U.S. District Court for Northern District of Iowa (Case No. 2:08-cr-01324-LRR), allege that Chief Judge Reade was repeatedly consulted by law-enforcement agents and prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's office during the several months preceding a May 2008 immigration raid on a kosher meatpacking plant in Iowa. It is my understanding from the information I have received, that the judge offered to "help in any way possible" with preparations for the raid.

I respectfully request, in accordance with all application laws and regulations, that you investigate these claims to make sure that the high standards of our judicial system are upheld and that all U.S. citizens are afforded a fair and impartial trial.

Sincerely,


Mario Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress