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The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
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IN RE: US v. Rubashkin, Case No. 2:08-cr-01324-LRR (ND IA)

Dear Attorney General Holder:

I write to you today to voice my concern over the sentencing of Mr. Sholom Rubashkin in November 2009. As you are now aware, several former Attorney's General and U.S. Attorney's have voiced their displeasure with the procedures leading to the sentencing of Mr. Rubashkin. After a full read of the facts, the outcome of this matter is quite troublesome.

The integrity of our judges, prosecutors and investigators are the cornerstone of the American legal system. Transparency of such cases, more specifically the Rubashkin case, is integral to the American public's belief in the judicial process. Should cases such as this be left to stand, without inquiry, would be devastating to both our legal system and the trust the public places in the officials it puts in place to impartially administrate the law.

I ask that you give full and fair consideration to the misconduct that occurred between the prosecutors and the presiding judge in this case. It calls into question the conduct of many actors, without whose direct influence, would have resulted in a vastly different outcome for Mr. Rubashkin. Please keep me informed of any developments in this matter. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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