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The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General of the United States
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

I write to bring to your attention important allegations concerning improper communications between the federal judge and federal law enforcement agents and prosecutors in the federal case against Sholom Rubashkin. It is my understanding that these communications may have been concealed from the defendant. Although I am not privy to all of the details of this case, these allegations are deeply troubling and call into question whether the verdict was fair and just.

Additionally, there has been renewed focus on this case because of the excessive sentence imposed by the judge. As you know, six of your predecessor attorneys general sent a letter to the judge arguing that the life sentence initially requested by the prosecutors was not appropriate. In fact, the 27 year prison sentence imposed by the judge was ultimately harsher than what the U.S. Attorney ultimately requested.

In light of these matters, I strongly urge you to initiate a full investigation of the allegations of impropriety and unfairness in the Rubashkin case. I appreciate your attention to this matter, and I look forward to a positive resolution.

Kindest regards,



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