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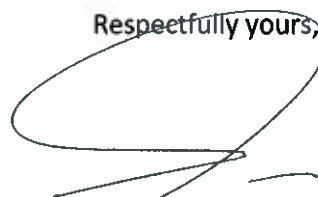
The Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr.
Attorney General of the United States
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Dear Attorney General Holder,

I write to you because concerns have been presented to me regarding judicial action in the case of U.S. v. Rubashkin. (Case No. 2:08-cr-01324-LRR) There have been concerns presented to me regarding the actions of the presiding judge in the trial for that case. Anyone who is guilty of the severe charges that Mr. Rubashkin was convicted of should be punished accordingly and to the full extent of the law. My concern is only that the trial at which he was convicted was a fair one. The concern that has been presented to me is that the presiding judge had inappropriate knowledge and participation in the planning for the law enforcement raid during which much of the evidence for the subsequent trial was collected. One might worry that this knowledge might influence the judge at the later trial.

I know that you as Attorney General are as concerned as I am with the fairness of the proceedings in federal court and I know that you work every day to uphold that fairness. I do not request any leniency for Mr. Rubashkin. All I ask is that your office assures that the trial was fair. If in your determination it was fair then so be it, justice has been done. If it was not we as a lawful society need to make things right through a fair trial, the results of which should then stand no matter the verdict. I am confident that you will make the just determination in this case based on the facts which you have at hand, which are far greater than those I am privy to.

Respectfully yours,



Tom Reed

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