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February 2, 2012

The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General of the United States
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Suite 5111
Washington, D.C. 20530

RE: U.S. v. Rubashkin, Case No. 2:08-cr-01324-LRR

Dear Attorney General Holder:

I am writing in regard to the case of Sholom Rubashkin, the former manager of the Agriprocessors kosher meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa, which was raided by the Federal government back in May of 2008. While I am not privy to all the details of the case, a group of constituents, whom I trust and respect, recently brought this case to my attention and expressed great concern regarding allegations of misconduct by federal authorities in the prosecution of this case.

Mr. Rubashkin is a first-time offender and was found guilty of white collar crimes with no indication of physical harm to anyone involved; however, Judge Reade handed down a sentence longer than prosecutors even asked for. The sentence has been criticized by others as severe when compared to similar cases. Also, according to a Freedom of Information Act request by Mr. Rubashkin's attorney, Judge Reade was the same judge who participated in *ex parte* communications with prosecutors and federal agents on the immigration raid of the plant managed by Mr. Rubashkin.

You have recently and publicly expressed the desire to ensure that all federal prosecutions and sentencing measures are conducted in a fair and equitable manner. With consideration to this recent finding, the manner in which this investigation was conducted raises a number of concerns. I urge you to give such concerns your fair consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Price". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Price, M.D.
Member of Congress