

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

We write to thank you and the Department of Justice (DOJ) for opening an investigation into the Chicago Police Department (CPD) in the aftermath of the brutal murder of Laquan McDonald at the hands of a Chicago police officer. As representatives of the Chicagoland area, we receive comments and inquiries from concerned constituents with increasing frequency regarding use of force, police brutality, and racial profiling. Now more than ever, trust and transparency between the police and the communities they serve must be restored. Therefore, we request a meeting with you and constituents to discuss this important issue.

We urge the DOJ to conduct an exhaustive investigation into the CPD's use of force, including race or other factors related to the use of force, and to determine whether the CPD has engaged in a systemic pattern or practice of violating the civil rights of the people of Chicago.

We invite you to join us in Chicago to discuss the concerns of our constituents. We initially thought about meeting with you in Washington, D.C., but visits to all of our Congressional districts will allow you to see that each is diverse and unique. Each district has concerns that should be addressed in order to allow for a robust investigation. We are certain that this investigation will be vital to rebuilding trust and fostering safety in Chicago, and the people of Chicago should partake in this process. We believe that these crucial steps will ultimately restore Chicago as the model of just community policing throughout the nation.

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago very soon.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress