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Honorable Barack Obama  
President-elect, United States of America  
C/o David Ogden  
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Washington, DC 20270

Dear President-Elect Obama,

On behalf of my colleagues at the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, I wish to express our strong support for Mr. Eric Holder who has been nominated for the Office of U.S. Attorney General. Mr. Holder has our support for two reasons. First, he has a demonstrated reputation for being an excellent, ethical, leader with considerable administrative skills. These are attributes that are greatly needed in the Justice Department, and Mr. Holder is clearly well-qualified to assume this leadership position. Second, Mr. Holder has always been extremely supportive of crime victims, and the Justice Department really needs someone who understands and values crime victims as well as the programs that serve crime victims. Mr. Holder is the right person for this important position, and he will be an outstanding Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean G. Kilpatrick Ph.D." in a cursive, flowing script.

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