



December 8, 2008

Honorable President-elect Barack Obama
c/o David Ogden
Presidential Transition Team
Washington, DC 20270

RE: Hon. Eric H. Holder's U.S. Attorney General Nomination

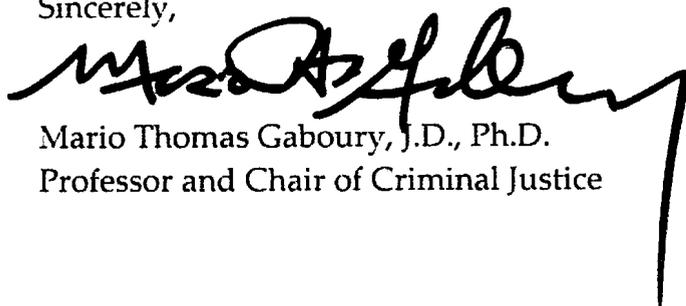
Dear Mr. Ogden:

I am writing in my personal capacity to strongly support the nomination of the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., for U.S. Attorney General. As a child advocate and an advocate for the rights of all crime victims and survivors for 30 years, I believe that Mr. Holder would be an excellent Attorney General particularly from the standpoint of these very deserving yet under-served individuals.

In every major government position that he has held, from judge to federal prosecutor to Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Holder has been a leader and innovator in developing services for victims of crime. As U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia he established special forensic interviewing courtroom support for child abuse victims. He focused similar attention on the plight of domestic violence victims, sexual assault victims and homicide survivors. He also expanded other victim-witness services that assisted those harmed by many forms of criminal victimization. As Deputy Attorney General he continued his strong support of victims of crime and was especially supportive of initiatives for children exposed to violence and also supported important pre-9/11 anti-terrorism victim assistance efforts, most notably the Pan Am 103 crash.

In closing, please accept my letter of strong endorsement for the Hon. Eric Holder.

Sincerely,



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