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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman
Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism
Homeland Security and Investigations
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chairmen Goodlatte and Sensenbrenner:

As has been reported, at President Obama's direction, I have initiated a review of the Department of Justice's policies and guidelines related to investigations that involve members of the media. As a part of this review, I have hosted a series of productive meetings with representatives of news organizations and other interested parties in order to solicit their valuable input. I welcome your contributions to this process and hope that both of you will join the Deputy Attorney General and me when we schedule meetings with interested members of Congress.

I also want to confirm that the June 3, 2013 letter from Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Peter J. Kadzik, the most senior official currently in the Department's Office of Legislative Affairs, accurately sets forth the Department's and my position with respect to your May 29, 2013 letter concerning the Department's investigative and enforcement policies applicable to disclosures of classified information, as well as my testimony before the Committee. Mr. Kadzik's response on behalf of the Department was consistent with the Department's long-standing practice in corresponding with Members of Congress and was not intended to demonstrate disrespect in any way.

I look forward to working with you on the Department's ongoing review and other matters.

Sincerely,

Eric H. Holder, Jr.
Attorney General

cc: The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism
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