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SENT VIA U.S. MAIL and EMAIL

Dear Ms. Karlan and Ms. Brennan,

The Cleveland Community Police Commission (CPC), in solidarity with the Rice family and others throughout Ohio, request that the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) re-open the investigation into the homicide of Tamir Rice.

Over the past month, Cleveland's media outlets and others have reported what may have been "political interference" into the investigation by the previous administration. It is our belief that the Rice family deserves a fair and unbiased review of the circumstances that led to Tamir's death free from political influence. Regardless of the outcome, it is the principle of equal treatment under the law that must prevail in this circumstance.

Sincerely,

The members of the Cleveland Community Police Commission:

*Terry Echols      Gordon Friedman      Harriet Hadley*  
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