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The Honorable Michael Mukasey
 U.S. Department of Justice
 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20530-0001


Dear Attorney General Mukasey:

We are writing to request that the Department of Justice review the issue of possible prosecutorial misconduct during the trial of Mr. Peter Palivos. Mr. Palivos was convicted in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois of conspiracy to obstruct justice and sentenced to a year and a day in prison. Mr. Palivos has asserted that his conviction stemmed from his unwillingness to testify against former Governor George Ryan.


In light of the affidavits recently submitted to the House Judiciary Committee, we believe this case may warrant further review by the Justice Department. Specifically, witnesses have come forward and signed sworn affidavits stating that they were forced to lie and that prosecutors on the case engaged in misconduct. We have attached those affidavits to this letter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Responses and questions should be directed to the Judiciary Committee office, 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 (tel: 202-225-3951; fax: 202-225-7680).

Sincerely,



John Corry, Jr.
 Chairman



Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
 Chairman, Subcommittee on Crime,
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cc: The Honorable Lamar S. Smith
 The Honorable Louie Gohmert