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The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Attorney General  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Robert F. Kennedy Building  
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

I write to express concern about the Department of Justice's handling of its investigation into former Central Intelligence Agency Director David Petraeus. My longstanding practice is not to comment or otherwise weigh-in on ongoing investigations and I regret that I have to do so now. Yet, I cannot ignore the broader concerns raised by the fact that this investigation apparently remains unresolved nearly two years later and that the only information that has come to light is through leaks by unnamed sources within the U.S. intelligence community with knowledge of the matter.

Without commenting on the underlying merits or anticipating the outcome of the investigation, I can conclude this is a circumstance in which the principle of "justice delayed is justice denied" is certainly at play, and that this matter needs to be brought to resolution. Furthermore, the fact that you and others within your Department have weighed-in publicly on the case raises questions about whether this investigation is being handled in a fundamentally fair and appropriate manner.

It goes without saying that I greatly respect General Petraeus' remarkable record of service to our country in Iraq, Afghanistan, and later as Director of the CIA. His unique expertise and insight on matters of defense and national security are of deep value to many Americans, as well as policymakers across the political spectrum. At this critical moment in our nation's security, Congress and the American people cannot afford to have this voice silenced or curtailed by the shadow of a long-running, unresolved investigation marked by leaks from anonymous sources.

Let me again be clear that I am not seeking action from your Department on behalf of any particular interest – and don't presume to judge the outcome of any investigation – but ask only that this matter be resolved in a fair and timely manner consistent with all existing rules and guidelines.

Sincerely,



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