Congress of the United States Washington, D.C.

August 26, 2021

The Honorable Merrick Garland Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland,

We are following up on our August 4, 2021 letter (attached) requesting information on your decision not to open an investigation into former Governor Andrew Cuomo's deadly nursing home policy and subsequent actions to knowingly withhold information on COVID-19 deaths in New York's nursing homes from Federal investigators.

Yesterday, the Governor of New York acknowledged nearly 12,000 more New Yorkers died of COVID-19 than had been reported by former Governor Cuomo's Administration. Given that the Department of Justice's (Department) inquiry into New York State's nursing home policy relied on information provided by the Cuomo Administration on the number of COVID-19 deaths in public nursing homes, yesterday's revelation reiterates the importance of knowing exactly what information was provided to the Department and how the accuracy of this information was verified.

As thousands of New Yorkers have died as a result of the incomprehensible actions of former Governor Cuomo, their families and loved ones deserve full transparency from the Department.

We ask for a response with all the information requested in our August 4th letter no later than September 9, 2021.

Sincerely,

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