

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 18, 2014

The Honorable Preet Bharara  
United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York  
1 St. Andrew's Plaza  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Bharara,


We write today to revisit our May 2014 letter to Attorney General Holder and our request that the Department of Justice further investigate the death of Danroy "DJ" Henry Jr. In responding to that request, the Justice Department indicated that the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York was undertaking a comprehensive review of the "facts and circumstances surrounding Mr. Henry's death."

As seven months have passed since our initial inquiry -- and over four years since DJ's untimely death -- we respectfully request an update from your office as to the status of the federal investigation. Both our original letter to Mr. Holder and the response we received from his office are enclosed for your reference.

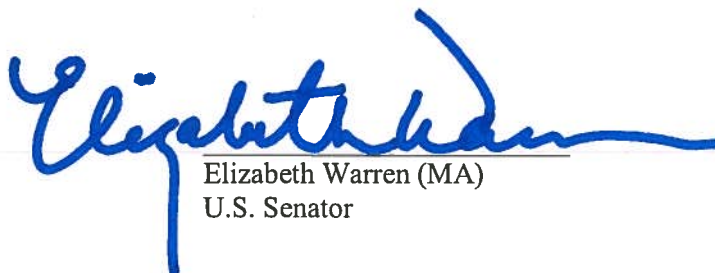
As you know, DJ Henry was fatally shot by a Pleasantville, New York police officer on October 17, 2010. He was a 20-year-old junior at Pace University at the time of his death and his parents are residents of Easton, Massachusetts. The Henry family and many members of their local community are concerned that conflicting eyewitness accounts paint an unclear picture of the night DJ was killed. After hearing the Henry family's account of that fateful night, we believe a federal review of the case is critical, in order to identify any civil rights or due process violations that may have occurred.

We recognize that law enforcement officials and first responders face treacherous situations on even their most ordinary days; split-second decisions often have to be made in the face of danger and uncertainty. But the values at the heart of our justice system demand that due process rights remain bright and unwavering, even in moments when nothing else is clear. It was because of this commitment that we wrote to Attorney General Holder in May 2014 and asked the Department of Justice to investigate DJ's death. Seven months later, we now ask your office for a full briefing on any ongoing investigations. We stand with the Henry family and the community that loved DJ in asking you to expeditiously investigate the tragic shooting that ended his life far too soon.


Sincerely,



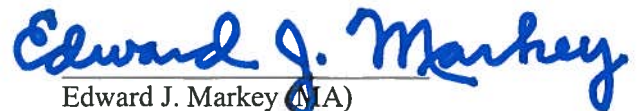
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**Enclosures:**

*Letter from members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to Attorney General Holder (May 1, 2014)*  
*Response from the Department of Justice Office of Legislative Affairs (September 22, 2014)*