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November 29, 2011

The Honorable Kamala D. Harris
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State of California
1300 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2919

Re: University of California Pepper Spray Incident

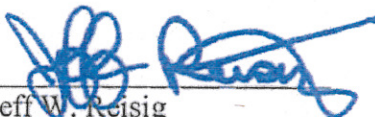
Dear Attorney General Harris:

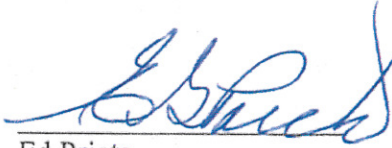
After conducting a brief review of the issues surrounding the November 18, 2011, events on the campus of the University of California at Davis it is our conclusion that this is an incident that mandates the involvement of the Office of the Attorney General at the earliest of stages. While the traditional indicia requiring the Attorney General's involvement, conflict or lack of resources, may not be present in this matter these events are not traditional in nature and call for an examination of events that have statewide ramifications. In the absence of such action it is our belief that the public's confidence in the conclusions reached may be significantly undermined

While the issues involved occurred in Yolo County, they were also on a University of California campus, and the results of an examination into these events will impact all ten (10) University of California campuses. It has also become apparent that neither the Yolo County Sheriff's Department, nor the Yolo County District Attorney's Office possess the resources necessary to conduct the "quick" review that both you and the public are expecting. Furthermore, because the Yolo County legal and law enforcement communities are relatively small, there are multiple perceived and/or possible legal conflicts that are likely to arise and undermine the effectiveness of any findings.

In light of the significant and statewide issues involved in these events we join in asking you to bring the full resources of the State of California to bear on these events so that the public will have full confidence in the outcome.

Very truly yours,


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