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Re: Request for Independent Investigation into the Granville Case

Attorney General James:

As the Erie County Legislator representing District 2, I am writing to formally request an independent investigation by your office into the circumstances surrounding the case of DJ Granville. Given the serious nature of this case, I believe an impartial and thorough review is critical to ensure transparency, accountability, and justice.

On August 15th, DJ Granville entered a plea for two criminal misdemeanors. The Buffalo Police Department and the Erie County Sheriff's Department have confirmed that they are conducting their own internal investigations. However, due to the Buffalo Police Department's lack of cooperation with the Niagara County District Attorney's Office, the City of Buffalo Common Council Members have joined in requesting that your office take over this investigation. I strongly support their request.

Numerous constituents are deeply troubled by how this case has been handled to date. To uphold public trust and maintain the integrity of our justice system, I strongly urge your office to assume full oversight of this investigation, independent of local agencies. Your office's expertise in handling complex and sensitive matters will restore confidence in our community that this case will be reviewed without bias.

The people of Erie County deserve a justice system that operates with integrity, ensuring that all individuals receive due process and that any wrongdoing is appropriately addressed. For these reasons, I respectfully request that your office immediately assume jurisdiction over this matter and conduct a comprehensive investigation.

Please let me know how my office can support this effort and what steps are needed to facilitate your involvement. I appreciate your leadership and commitment to upholding justice for all New Yorkers and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taisha St. Jean Tard".

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