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Wifredo A. Ferrer
U.S. Attorney
Southern District of Florida
99 NE 4th Street
Miami, FL 33132

November 17, 2011

Dear Mr. Ferrer:

The primary mission of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) is to intervene and contain, as quickly as possible, community tensions. Toward that end, the CRB supports the U.S. Attorney and the Department of Justice in their civil investigation of the pattern and practices of the Miami Police Department to determine whether discrimination has contributed to the shootings of black men by police officers.

In February 2011, the CRB was among those who joined in calling for the U.S. Government to lend its resources and authority to help protect our residents' civil rights. Thank you for hearing our voices and working with us to create better relations between our local law enforcement agencies and all of the communities they serve.

The CRB also joins with local leaders and organizations in our commitment to working with you and other responsible leaders to conduct public hearings and encourage training and educational opportunities for residents and law enforcement alike. Please call upon us to assist in implementing mutually agreed upon strategies that will reduce tensions and build bridges of understanding and respect. The members of the Miami-Dade County CRB are prominent leaders representing our community's diverse population groups. The CRB has heard the voices of pain and frustration from residents about the need to hold agencies and individuals accountable. We are eager to lend our support.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact me at (786) 412-9256 or the CRB staff at (305) 375-1406, Amy Carswell, Program Officer.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Walter T. Richardson, Chair
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Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 20530

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Dear Attorney General Perez:

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Honorable Frederica Wilson
U.S. Congress District 17
18425 NW 2nd Avenue, Ste. 355
Miami, FL 33169

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Dear Congresswoman Wilson:

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The CRB remains committed to working with you, with the U.S. Government and with other responsible leaders to conduct public hearings and encourage training and educational opportunities for residents and law enforcement alike. Please call upon us to assist in implementing strategies and activities that will reduce tensions and build bridges of understanding and respect. As you know, the members of the Miami-Dade County CRB are prominent leaders representing our community's diverse population groups. The CRB has heard the voices of pain and frustration from residents about the need to hold agencies and individuals accountable. We are eager to lend our support.

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