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Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Judy Chu
Chair
Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus
U.S. House of Representatives
2423 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Chu:

This responds to your letter dated October 13, 2016, to the Department of Justice (the Department), regarding your concerns about recent criminal cases against Asian Americans that were later dismissed. We are sending similar responses to the other Members who joined in your letter.

Your letter was referred to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), where the matter will be reviewed carefully. OPR has jurisdiction to review, investigate and refer for appropriate action allegations of misconduct involving Department attorneys that relate to the exercise of their authority to investigate, litigate and provide legal advice. See 28 C.F.R. § 0.39a(a)(1). Allegations of misconduct by Department attorneys are taken seriously by the Department and OPR has a long-standing and well-established record of integrity and independence in its handling of such matters.

We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter J. Kadzik for".

Peter J. Kadzik
Assistant Attorney General