

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Eric H. Holder
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

We are writing to call your attention to the attached letter from Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, and to ask for your assistance in addressing the important civil rights matter raised in the letter.

The recent shooting of an unarmed man by a police officer in Portland has caused many in the community to question whether this tragic outcome could have been prevented. Although it is too soon to fully understand the events that lead to this incident on January 29th, we believe it is imperative that a definitive and impartial investigation of the incident be initiated as soon as feasibly possible.

Because the Department of Justice is independent from any agencies connected to this incident, we believe the Department is uniquely qualified to conduct a thorough and unbiased review. It is our hope that the Department will investigate this incident, and, if any errors were made, recommend necessary changes.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress