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Attorney General Eric Holder
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder,

Please find enclosed a copy of my follow-up letter of 3 March 2009 with attachments to Governor Jack Markell concerning the failure of Delaware and this nation to address the catastrophic health consequences of toxic environments that are more serious than toxic assets.

You rightly stated in your remarks commemorating African American History Month:

"Though this nation has proudly thought of itself as an ethnic melting pot, in things racial we have always been and continue to be, in too many ways, essentially a nation of cowards.

Through its work and through its example this Department of Justice, as long as I am here, must - and will - lead the nation to the "new birth of freedom" so long ago promised by our greatest President. This is our duty and our solemn obligation

A dominant domestic issue throughout the twentieth century was, again, America's treatment of its black citizens.

It is not safe for this nation to assume that the unaddressed social problems in the poorest parts of our country can be isolated and will not ultimately affect the larger society".

A "new birth of freedom" is not possible when the infant mortality rate of blacks is two to three times the rate for whites in the State of Delaware and this nation. These and other issues are raised in the enclosed documents, which document how America treats its black citizens and other minority groups.

I have requested from Governor Jack Markell and Vice-President Joseph Biden assistance in confronting this “unaddressed social problem” in Delaware and this nation, which does “ultimately affect our larger society”.

We are paying a terrible price for the neglect of our infants and children—the future of any human society—where crime, depression, drug abuse/addiction and violence are the primary consequences of child abuse and neglect.

Perhaps you can be helpful in directing some of the 3.6 Trillion dollars in the Federal Stimulus program on a national program to eliminate violence against women and children through breastfeeding bonding that is known to prevent infant mortality, depression and violence; and the elimination of toxic chemical environments that inflict so much injury and harm upon normal brain development and behavior.

Thank you for your courageous words on the commemoration of American African History Month.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Governor Jack Markell

Vice-President Joseph Biden, Jr.