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The Honorable William Barr
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Dear Attorney General Barr:

I am writing to express my deep concerns and disappointment regarding the recent shooting of Mr. Casey Goodson, Jr. by Jason Meade, a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy, that took place in Ohio's Third Congressional District.

Mr. Goodson's death has been ruled a homicide. Unfortunately, although a routine reality when Black in America, Mr. Goodson's murderer was one of the very individuals who swore to protect and serve him and his family. Yet, as you are aware, Mr. Goodson's last steps were taken as he opened his front door to enter the safety of his own home—the place that should have been his sanctuary, as opposed to the scene of his unwarranted execution.

I look forward to reviewing the findings of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio's investigation into this disturbing incident. I do not want Mr. Goodson's death to have been in vain, so my review of the investigation will only serve as the beginning of the work I will complete in partnership with my congressional colleagues to make systemic, long-term changes to the operations of police departments nationwide.

Please contact my District Director Ernie Davis at 202-735-6352 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Joyce Beatty
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