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The Honorable Steve Cohen, Chairman
Subcommittee on Commercial and
Administrative Law
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Cohen:

I am in receipt of your letter dated July 31, 2009 expressing your appreciation for my recent appearance before your committee. Thank you for your kind words regarding my appearance, and I am glad that you believe it will assist the Committee in future decision-making regarding the issues addressed during the hearing.

I am also in receipt of the 28 additional questions (there are seven numbered questions with multiple subparts) to which you have requested that I respond. I respectfully submit that, with the exception of questions 7(A) and 7(B), I have already answered all of these questions through the detailed written statement that I submitted to the Committee in advance of the June 25, 2009 hearing, and through my extensive oral testimony delivered to the Committee on June 25, 2009. For example, you and I had an opportunity at the hearing to specifically discuss the issues raised in questions 1-4 on pages 48-54 of the official transcript. Mr. Delahunt and I discussed the issues raised in Question 2 on page 74 of the official transcript. Finally, Mr. Forbes and I discussed the issues raised in questions 5 and 6 on pages 94-97 of the official transcript. I am confident that if the Committee carefully examines my written statement and my oral testimony, the Committee will conclude that I have already answered the written questions submitted with your letter.

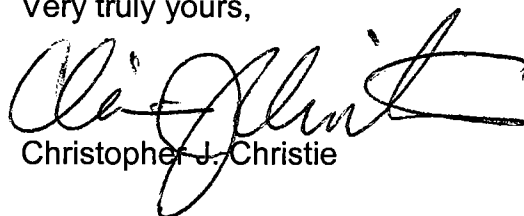
I note that a number of the written questions, specifically questions 2(G), 2(H), 3(B), and 3(D), address future policies to be adopted and implemented by the Department of Justice. I have already addressed these issues in my written submission and oral testimony. However, since I am no longer a member of the Department of Justice, I do not believe that it would be appropriate for me to comment any further or

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offer any additional opinions regarding the future policies to be implemented at the Department of Justice. I respectfully suggest that these questions should be presented to the appropriate current members of the Department of Justice for their consideration, as they are in the best position to address these issues going forward.

Finally, I offer the following response to questions 7(A) and 7(B). In question 7(A), you have asked whether or not "any members of the monitors' firms [have] contribute[d] to [my] campaign." As has been widely reported in the New Jersey press, Herbert Stern, John Inglesino, and Kevin Kilcullen each made contributions to my campaign. However, to the best of my knowledge, the campaign has not accepted any other contributions from any federal monitors or from a federal monitors' firm. In fact, I am aware of at least two occasions on which my campaign has refunded checks from attorneys who were affiliated with law firms providing legal services to the federal monitors. In 7(B) you have asked whether or not any "family members of any of the monitors contribute[d] to [my] campaign." Mr. Stern's wife, Mr. Inglesino's wife and Mr. Kilcullen's wife have each made a contribution to my campaign. I am not aware of any other family members of monitors who have contributed to my campaign. However, as you may be aware, based upon the information a campaign is required to obtain from a contributor, there is no way for any campaign in New Jersey, including my campaign, to be in a position to identify all of the familial relationships of a donor.

Very truly yours,



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