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Via Email Only

Judge Laurie White
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Dear Judge White,

Please accept this correspondence in my capacity as a named victim in the indictment involving Attorney General Liz Murrill.

Over the past several years, the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office has been privileged to help lead what has been reported as the most significant reduction in violent crime in modern New Orleans history, with recent reports indicating that violent crime has fallen to its lowest level since 1968. Those achievements have only been possible because my office has repeatedly risen above petty politics, engaged in by some. We still have much more to do for the victims, visitors and citizens of our city. The streets are still too dangerous and justice remains too long of an arc for the public that I and my prosecutors serve. Before and since this indictment the DA's office and the AG's office have continued to work collaboratively. I believe this indictment jeopardizes that continued partnership which has been a hallmark of my administration.

Against that backdrop, I wish to advise you that this prosecution of Mrs. Murrill is a distraction from the work to which I have dedicated myself. While I do not impugn any of the actions or intentions of the grand jury, or your handling thereof, this matter risks diverting attention and resources from pressing public safety responsibilities. Accordingly, I respectfully ask that you give appropriate consideration to the views of a named victim in exercising whatever lawful authority and discretion may be available under the law as these proceedings move forward.

As you know my office and I fully recused ourselves from this process and had nothing to do with it whatsoever. I offer this request with full respect for the grand jury, whose members fulfilled the responsibilities entrusted to them under our system of justice, and with equal respect for your independent role. To be clear, I do not question the integrity, motives, or good faith of the grand jury, the Special Prosecutor, or the Court in the handling of these proceedings.

Given the aforementioned recusal, I have intentionally refrained from publicly commenting on this case. Nevertheless, as one of the individuals identified as a victim in the indictment, I believe it is appropriate to share my perspective, just as victims are routinely afforded an opportunity to express their views regarding the course of criminal proceedings.

I fully recognize that the ultimate legal determination regarding whether this prosecution should proceed rests with the Court and the applicable law. My purpose is simply to ensure that my views, as a named victim, are respectfully placed before you for whatever consideration you deem appropriate.

Thank you for your time, your thoughtful consideration of this request, and your continued service to the administration of justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J.R. Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Rogers Williams
Orleans Parish District Attorney