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The Honorable Pamela Bondi
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

As the Chief Law Officer of the State of California, I write today to express my deep dismay about the indictment of New York Attorney General Letitia James. As I noted in my letter to you regarding the recent indictment of former FBI Director James Comey, prosecutors have a solemn responsibility to wield power in a fair and impartial manner, always driven by the facts and the law, free from vindictiveness or unfair selection for prosecution. I fear that, once again, with yesterday's indictment, the prosecutors at the United States Department of Justice have not lived up to that responsibility.

Attorney General James is widely respected by her colleagues across the country and notwithstanding the President's ongoing campaign to discredit her, she has exercised her duties with the utmost fidelity to the Constitution. That fidelity led her to pursue legitimate claims of financial fraud against President Trump and his business organization under New York State law. Those claims were brought to a New York state court, which in a civil judgment affirmed Attorney General James' charges.

I have no doubt that yesterday's indictment, and the so-called investigation that preceded it, is retribution for the work Attorney General James did to hold President Trump accountable for his unlawful conduct. And published reports that senior career attorneys at the Department of Justice believe the case against Attorney General James is weak, and did not merit presentation to a grand jury, supports that assertion. Instead of listening to those experienced prosecutors, US Attorney Lindsey Halligan proceeded anyway, after being hand-picked to replace the former US Attorney who reportedly resigned instead of acquiescing to the President's efforts to prosecute his political enemies. That is, in a word, disgraceful.

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Political prosecutions have no place in our system of justice. They are an abuse of power. They erode the faith Americans should have in their public servants and run contrary to the rule of law. Accordingly, I am once again urging you to reassert the long-standing independence of the U.S. Department of Justice and immediately end politically motivated criminal prosecutions like the one yesterday. Our nation is and deserves better than this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Bonta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rob" and last name "Bonta" clearly distinguishable.

ROB BONTA
Attorney General