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April 27, 2021

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland
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U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Garland:

On March 29, 2021, we requested information from you about how the Biden Administration plans to enforce federal law and protect federal property from violent left-wing extremists in Portland, Oregon. We requested that you provide this information by April 12. You have ignored this request.

Since our request, left-wing agitators have continued to vandalize and destroy federal property in Portland, Oregon. On April 11, 2021, rioters set fire to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) building.¹ After the building was set on fire, federal agents and local police officers arrived and attempted to disperse the crowd.² On April 12, 2021, over two-hundred individuals gathered outside the Penumbra Kelly Building, which provides an office for the Multnomah County Sheriff and Portland police, and began throwing rocks, frozen water bottles, glass bottles, and fireworks at law-enforcement officers.³ On April 16, rioters vandalized multiple businesses, museums and places of worship, including the First Christian Church.⁴

¹ Michael Lee, *Rioters set Portland ICE facility on fire as federal agents shoot barrage of pepper bullets in an attempt to disperse crowd*, WASH. EXAMINER (April 11, 2021), <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/rioters-portland-ice-fire-agents-pepper-bullets>.

² *Id.*

³ Associated Press, *Portland police declares riot after vigil for Duante Wright*, WASH. TIMES (Apr. 13, 2021), <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/apr/13/portland-police-declares-riot-after-vigil-for-daun/>.

⁴ Shane Dixon Kavanaugh, *Portland church, park, historical society damaged in downtown riot: 'The destruction is pretty gnarly'*, THE OREGONIAN (Apr. 17, 2021), <https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2021/04/portland-church-park-historical-society-damaged-in-downtown-riot-the-destruction-is-pretty-gnarly.html>.

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The Biden Administration must not condone continued left-wing violence against federal property in Portland. We reiterate the requests made in our March 29 letter and ask that you provide a full response immediately. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Jordan
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler
Chairman