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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to your May 19, 2010 letter to the Attorney General, regarding the May 16, 2010 fatal shooting of seven-year-old Aiyana Jones by a Detroit Police Department Special Response Team officer.

We have asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to conduct an investigation into the shooting incident. Once the investigation is complete, the FBI will forward the results of that investigation for review by attorneys in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division. The Criminal Section enforces the federal criminal civil rights statutes pertaining to incidents of official misconduct and violent bias-motivated crimes. Much of their enforcement activity relates to the investigation and prosecution of deprivations of civil rights under color of law. These matters generally involve allegations of excessive physical force by law enforcement officers.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of assistance with this, or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Weich".

Ronald Weich
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Lamar Smith
Ranking Minority Member