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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Wolf:

This responds to your letter, dated July 20, 2009, to Attorney General Holder, requesting that the Attorney General move quickly to adopt the recommendations of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and to promulgate national standards for enhancing the prevention, detection, and punishment of prison rape. We are sending a separate response to each signatory of your letter.

The Attorney General looks forward to studying the report of the Prison Rape Elimination Act Commission and greatly appreciates the important contribution of the Commission in proposing this comprehensive set of thoughtful recommendations to reduce the incidence of sexual abuse in American prisons, jails, and juvenile institutions. The Commission's diligent work in making the prevention of prison rape a top priority is to be commended.

We have taken this request under advisement and will report on the progress of our consideration and formulation of final national standards. Thank you for your continued interest in the success of the Act. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of any assistance with this, or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald Weich
Assistant Attorney General