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**Via: Certified Mail No. 7000 0600 0024 1941 2910 and  
Facsimile to (225) 326-6197**

**Re: "Gretna Bridge Incident" Public Records Request**

Attorney General Foti:

As you know, we have publicly urged your office over many months--going back to January and again in July of this year--to release the results of your investigation into the "Gretna bridge incident." It refers to a blockade of the Crescent City Connection on or about August 31, 2005, by armed Gretna police officers to prevent New Orleans evacuees from crossing the bridge. We understand that your office has declined to pursue criminal charges against any of the individuals involved in this incident, unlike some other post Katrina cases that came to your attention.

Over 15 months have elapsed since the blockade. The situation remains a matter of intense public concern and extremely troubling to many people, especially those directly affected. The public has a right know what your office discovered and what the legal implications are. Keeping the report secret and passing it off to another agency in July of this year fails to serve the public good. Transparency is a hallmark of democracy, and people cannot freely govern themselves without it.

Therefore, pursuant to the Louisiana public records act, La. Rev. Stat. § 44:1 et seq., and Louisiana Constitution Art. 12, § 3, I request that you produce copies of the following documents:

**Any and all documents, in whatever form they may exist, in the possession of the attorney general's office pertaining in any way to the blockade of the Crescent City Connection, also known as the Gretna bridge incident, that occurred on or around Wednesday, August 31, 2005, including, but not limited to, any documents generated or obtained in the course of investigating the incident.**

If you choose to deny this request in whole or in part, please provide a written

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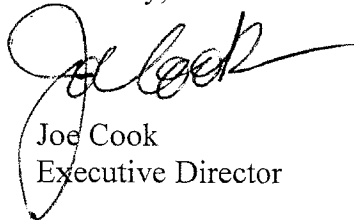
explanation for that denial, including reference to the specific statutory exemptions upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

Because disclosure of these documents is in the public interest, I request that any fees for copying and postage be waived. If this request for a waiver is denied, please advise me if fees for complying with this request are expected to exceed \$100.00.

As required by state law, please respond to this request within three business days; otherwise, we reserve the option to enforce our legal right to access public records.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Cook", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the typed name and title.

Joe Cook  
Executive Director