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February 18, 2014

The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20530-0001

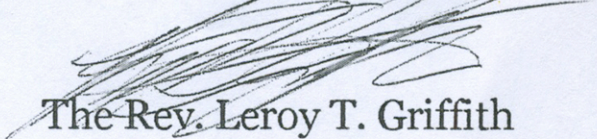
Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The purpose of this letter is to request a federal criminal investigation of the Chattanooga Housing Authority (CHA) in relation to its apparently irregular and illegal methods of attempting to sell the Harriet Tubman Housing site in Chattanooga, Tennessee, which is owned by the United States of America, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The request is made by The People Coalition for Affordable Housing in response to a unanimous vote of its board, which directed that the enclosed newspaper articles be enclosed to indicate the urgent need for a criminal investigation. Members of the board will cooperate fully with such and will provide personal testimony regarding public and private meetings they have had with the board and staff of CHA.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the persons noted below to expedite the investigation, and hopefully, to elevate the public's opinion of our federal government.

Sincerely,


The Rev. Leroy T. Griffith
Communications

Enclosed articles from the *Chattanooga Times Free-Press*

Tubman's Tangle Tale: The story behind CHA's failed attempts to sell the public housing site;
January 26, 2014

Tearing Down Tubman: City wants to buy Harriet Tubman to convert vacant housing
Project to industrial use; August 1, 2013



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The \$11 million question: Is that enough to fix Tubman?; October 22, 2013
Tubman deal to close Jan. 15, January 9, 2014
Chattanooga Housing Authority: Harriet Tubman site still for sale; January 15, 2014
Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke offers new bid for Tubman, February 8, 2014-02-18

cc: Mr. William C. Killian, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Tennessee
Hon. Mr. Shaun Donovan, Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Mr. Edward D. Ellis, Field Director of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Ms. Yolanda Putman, Chattanooga Times Free-Press
Mr. Ellis Smith, Chattanooga Times Free-Press
Ms. Joy Lukacheck, Chattanooga Times Free-Press

Attest:

Mr. Joe Clark
Board Chairman