

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 1, 2015

The Honorable Loretta Lynch  
United States Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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Attorney General Lynch,

As you know, it has been over a year since BNP Paribas S.A. pleaded guilty to violating United States economic sanctions against Sudan, Cuba, and Iran. The bank agreed to forfeit over \$8.8 billion to the U.S. and pay a \$140,000,000 fine. This marks the very first instance that the U.S. Department of Justice sentenced and convicted a major financial institution for violating U.S. economic sanctions and subjected them to an unprecedented financial penalty. We write to thank you for your dedication to this issue and for your commitment to justice. We also want to emphasize the need to explore ways these funds can be used to aid those who the sanctioned regimes, specifically Sudan, have grievously harmed.

The oppressive actions of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir are well documented and continue unabated. There is also no question that the U.S. has been a major donor of humanitarian aid to the people of Sudan throughout the last quarter century. Despite our efforts, the humanitarian situation there in Sudan is rapidly deteriorating. Widespread violence continues to plague Sudan's Darfur region, and peacekeepers and humanitarian workers face increasing hostility, restrictions and obstacles to aiding the Sudanese people who are severely injured, hungry, and in need of shelter.

We applaud your decision to seek restitution for the victims of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir's repressive regime. Time is of the essence to aid those in desperate need of humanitarian assistance. We want to ensure that the Department of Justice will provide funding to all Sudanese in need of aid as soon as possible: Darfuris, Nubans, and other Sudanese communities, rather than a select group of individuals.

We see the difficulty in the task at hand, in receiving information from the millions of Sudanese who are displaced, and possibly living at other refugee sties outside of Sudan. We believe that a possible course of action could be to administer money from BNP Paribas' fine through global aid organizations, such as the United States Agency for International Development, in order to support them in their tireless efforts to provide life-saving assistance to the millions of Sudanese being harmed by such an oppressive regime.

We ask that you keep Congress updated on your plans to provide restitution to those harmed by the criminal actions of BNP. We would like an account of the way the information is being

analyzed, a timeline of when funds may be transferred to victims, to whom the funds are being transferred, and an explanation of grounds on which awards were made.

Again, we thank you for your dedication to the people of Sudan. We only hope to be of assistance, and to support your office in these efforts.

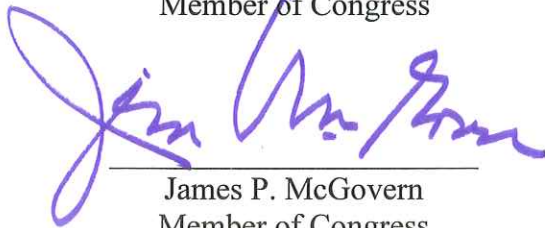
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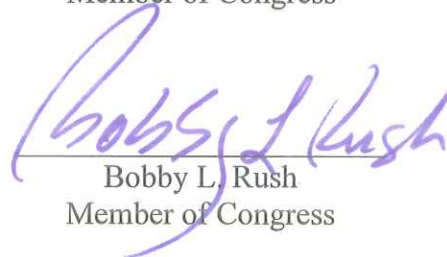
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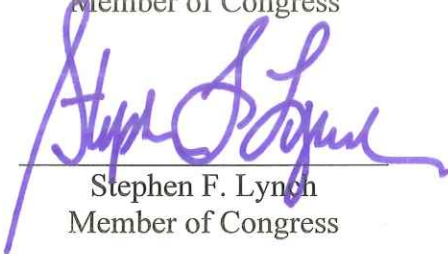
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