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The Honorable Ismail J. Ramsey  
Northern District of California, U.S. Department of Justice  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear U.S. Attorney Ramsey,

Congratulations on your swearing-in as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California. Your record of public service and significant experience speaks for itself, and we are fortunate to have you as a partner here in San Francisco.

As you know, we are dealing with multiple serious public safety challenges locally, from a fentanyl-driven overdose epidemic, open-air drug dealing, property crime in our residential and commercial neighborhoods, increasing gun violence, and prejudice-fueled incidents. While San Francisco is doing everything it can to address these public safety challenges, we are in the midst of an unprecedented police staffing shortage, and we need help from the Federal government.

In particular, I am most concerned about the sheer volume of drug dealing on our streets. These drug dealers have become increasingly aggressive with both our public safety personal and with members of the community. Violence and shootings surround these brazen open-air drug dealing scenes. Sadly, this means that the people who live and work in these areas, including employees of the various federal buildings in and around the Tenderloin, are forced to endure unsafe and unhealthy conditions. Our local law enforcement is doing its best to enforce against drug dealing, however the scale of the problem is beyond our local capacity. We need additional and ongoing support from the Department of Justice to arrest and prosecute drug dealers so residents, families, and workers feel safe in their neighborhoods.

It is my number one priority to improve public safety for our residents, workers, small business owners, and visitors. I am confident that you share that sentiment and believe that we must achieve tangible outcomes to restore the people's confidence that their government can, and will, hold people accountable who harm others and that we must not allow criminal activity to take place without consequences.

Our local law enforcement and my entire administration look forward to working in partnership with you and your team on this essential work. I look forward to meeting with you soon and discussing the ways we can collaborate to serve and protect our communities. Congratulations again and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "London Breed".

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Mayor