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John W. Hickenlooper
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Attorney General Eric Holder
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

You have likely heard Tiffany Hartley's heartrending account of the death of her husband, David Hartley, on Sept. 30, 2010, during an attack while jet skiing on the Mexican side of Falcon Lake, which straddles the U.S. border. His body has not been recovered. Ms. Hartley, originally a resident of Colorado, has since moved back to and now lives in Weld County. She is still seeking closure and justice in the death of her husband.

Ms. Hartley turned recently to Weld County Sheriff John Cooke for help, and he suggested she meet with James Davis, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety. Mr. Davis, after meeting with Ms. Hartley, talked to Gov. John Hickenlooper about the case and joined him in a meeting this week with Ms. Hartley. As a result of these meetings, the state's Office for Victims Programs committed to working with Ms. Hartley on a variety of issues, including assisting her with the Texas Victim Compensation Program.

U.S. Sens. Mark Udall and Michael Bennet each reached out to the Hartley family and, over the last eight months, have encouraged efforts by U.S. officials, in cooperation with their Mexican counterparts, to do all in the federal government's power to assist in the investigation and bring closure to this event. The senators have been in contact with the FBI and U.S. Department of State – including the State Department's U.S. Consulate in Matamoros, Mexico – to inquire into the status of the case and request updates and further assistance on behalf of the Hartley family.

U.S. Rep. Cory Gardner, who represents the district where Ms. Hartley lives, has also met with Ms. Hartley multiple times in recent months. Rep. Gardner's office has been in communication with the State Department regarding Ms. Hartley's case and provided her with information about the process of obtaining a death certificate.

Despite all of these efforts, many questions remain outstanding, and we respectfully request you help resolve them.

While Ms. Hartley recognizes the complicated nature of this situation because it happened on the Texas/Mexico border, she has been unable to obtain any recent updates from the FBI regarding the progress of the case. Moreover, the inability to recover her husband's remains has created numerous difficulties for Ms. Hartley because she cannot obtain a death certificate. She has

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sought help from the State Department, including the U.S. Consulate in Matamoros, regarding this issue, but has so far been unable to gain final closure.

We request any additional assistance and information you can provide Ms. Hartley and her family in accordance with the law. Specifically, we request an update on the status of U.S. involvement in the investigation as well as information regarding efforts to recover Mr. Hartley's remains.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide to Ms. Hartley.

Sincerely,



John Hickenlooper
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U.S. Senator
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