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Dear Mr. Hunt:

Reference is made to your e-mail communication of April 16, 2010 regarding testimony by DOJ officials before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Please be informed that the Commission welcomes the offer of testimony by Thomas E. Perez, the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, to occur on May 14, 2010.

Please have a representative contact the undersigned with regard to the timing of Mr. Perez's availability. As discussed among the parties, it is agreed that Mr. Perez will appear on a separate panel from other witnesses, and that we will work to accommodate his schedule.

At the same time, it should be understood that, while Mr. Perez may decline to answer various questions relating to the New Black Panther Party litigation, this in no way limits the questioning by Commissioners.

Lastly, while it is acknowledged that the Department has decided not to authorize Mr. Coates and Mr. Adams to testify before the Commission, the agreement to hear testimony from Mr. Perez does not constitute a waiver as to the Commission's ongoing interest in hearing the testimony of Mr. Coates, Mr. Adams, and possibly other relevant Department officials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Blackwood", written in a cursive style.

David P. Blackwood
General Counsel

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