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VIA FEDEX AND E-MAILMs. Kristen Clarke
Assistant Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530Re: Pattern-or-Practice Investigation of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department

Dear Assistant Attorney General Clarke:

I write on behalf of Team Roc, which is a philanthropic division that, along with its chairman JAY-Z, is committed to social justice, to urge the Department of Justice to open a § 14141 pattern-or-practice investigation of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department ("KCKPD"). Local politicians,¹ community groups, members of the Kansas City, Kansas community, numerous victims of abuse by the KCKPD, and interested members of the media² have requested that the Department of Justice investigate the police misconduct in Kansas City, Kansas.

Recent evidence has come to light revealing that officers in the KCKPD have, for years, engaged in misconduct, including (a) coercing, pressuring, or relaying improper suggestions to witnesses or defendants to influence testimony; (b) tampering with or fabricating evidence; (c) harassing or retaliating against women in neighborhoods patrolled by the KCKPD; (d) initiating inappropriate relationships, sexual encounters, or sexual arrangements with women (including in patrolling neighborhoods or community); (e) eliciting fabricated information, identifications, or testimony; (f) denying identifications or testimony retractions; and (g) failing to investigate or take

¹ Melinda Henneberger, *'We need to have outside eyes': Former KCK cop and mayoral candidate seeks DOJ probe*, Kan. City Star (July 26, 2021 3:21 PM), <https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/melinda-henneberger/article252633758.html#storylink=cpy>.

² See, e.g., Editorial Board, *Hello DOJ? We've got 'plain, in-your-face mutilation and modern-day lynching' here*, Kan. City Star (Oct. 24, 2021 7:57 AM), <https://www.pulitzer.org/finalists/melinda-henneberger-kansas-city-star-1>.

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