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Ms. Elena R. Sassower  
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

I have been asked by Mayor Giuliani to respond to your letter regarding Judge Lorin Duckman. Your letter states that based upon your reading of the transcript of the bail hearing conducted before Judge Duckman on January 24, 1996, you believe that the Judge is being unfairly treated by the Mayor, the Governor and the press. We respectfully disagree with your interpretation of the record.

The dramatic proliferation of domestic violence in our society is a crisis that requires the full attention of those entrusted to safeguard the public. The Mayor has made this responsibility one of his highest priorities and he believes that the judiciary must be accountable for their actions.

It is our hope that the tragic death of Galina Komar will increase public awareness and sensitivity to domestic violence and help everyone understand that this is a crime that cannot be tolerated in our society.

Sincerely,



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Criminal Justice Coordinator