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Honorable Duane Evans  
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Dear United States Attorney Evans,

I would like to commend you and your Assistant United States Attorneys in the Eastern District for your efforts to fight back against the surge of gun crimes plaguing Orleans Parish. Having seen the most recent statistic that your office is taking 85% more gun cases from the local Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office than in years past, I want to offer any assistance that you might need from our office.

As you may know, in 2018 our office successfully assisted the United States Attorney of the Western District David Joseph by providing assistance in prosecution. Within two years of that collaborative effort, arrests and prosecution of violent crime substantially increased and Northeast Louisiana saw a 44% decrease in violent crime. We would like to extend the same assistance to your office.

Furthermore, I am aware that you have worked closely in the past with our Criminal Division Director Leon Cannizzaro, Jr. when he served as the District Attorney for Orleans Parish. I recognize that the increased workload on your Assistant United States Attorneys is a burden on the resources of your office. Mr. Cannizzaro and the lawyers whom he supervises stand ready and willing to assist you with these additional cases in any way that you see fit.

While we recognize that this is only a temporary solution to a very serious crime problem, we must all work together to protect our citizens from violent crime. I commend you for your service to the citizens of Orleans Parish and the surrounding jurisdictions who have been affected by this surge in crime.

For Louisiana,

Jeff Landry  
Attorney General