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Mr. George Venizelos
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Dear Mr. Venizelos:

I write to urge the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to join the New York Police Department in the investigation of two violent knife attacks that occurred in the East New York section of Brooklyn this weekend.

A six-year-old boy was brutally stabbed to death in an elevator on Sunday in route to get ice cream. In the same incident, the killer inflicted more than fifteen knife wounds on a 7-year-old girl who is currently fighting for her life. Two days earlier, on Friday, an 18-year-old nursing student was stabbed more than thirty times resulting in her death. This attack took place in relatively close proximity to the elevator incident. The person responsible for each heinous crime has not been apprehended.

These tragedies have shocked the conscience of our city and left the East New York community paralyzed in grief and gripped with fear. The New York Police Department is currently exploring whether these vicious murders are related. However, there are at least four reasons to believe that a sole perpetrator may be responsible for these heinous crimes. First, both incidents were brutally violent attacks. Second, they occurred in close proximity to each other in time and location. Third, the attacks were unprovoked and unleashed on highly vulnerable individuals. Fourth, a similar knife was used in both instances as the murder weapon.

Given the fact that a psychopath is on the loose who can strike again at any moment, all available law enforcement resources must be deployed to prevent another tragedy. The FBI is uniquely positioned to provide expertise, resources and technical assistance in connection with the ongoing manhunt. Accordingly, I strongly urge the field office under your leadership to support the New York Police Department in every manner possible as part of the effort to find the person or individuals responsible for this senseless violence and bring them to justice.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress