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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The case of Mr. Richard Sobol has recently come to our attention. Mr. Sobol, who works for the Lawyers' Constitutional Defense Committee in Louisiana, has been charged with practicing law without a license. He is not the first, nor is he likely to be the last lawyer harassed because of his commitment to see that all Americans receive equal justice. We urge the Attorney General to become involved as fully as possible in the Sobol case, and in all similar cases. We urge immediate action to ensure meaningful right to counsel everywhere in this country, even in Plaquemines Parish, La.

Given the significance of these matters and our deep concern, we ask that you reply to this letter as soon as possible, informing us about your position.

Yours,

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