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The Honorable Steven F. Lynch
Representative in Congress
88 Black Falcon Avenue, Suite 340
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Sir:

We are contacting you to ask for your help in forming a Congressional hearing and investigation into the sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults by all religious personnel and their institutions in the United States of America and its Territories.

As survivors of clergy sexual abuse, and as public advocates, we belong to a large community of survivors and the families and friends of survivors and deceased victims. Through these relationships, we have learned of many accounts of sexual abuse and their cover-up by religious and their superiors. We are convinced that these crimes were, and continue to be, pervasive throughout our country, and they demand immediate federal investigation and intervention to stop them.

Would you kindly contact us so that we may arrange a meeting with you? Thank you for your time and for your representation in Congress.

Sincerely yours,

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