



PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL on INTEGRITY & EFFICIENCY

October 14, 2005

The Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales
Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I want to thank you and the Department of Justice for creating the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force. The President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, which is composed of the Federal Inspectors General, is proud to be an active participant in the Task Force which has been charged with investigating and prosecuting fraud and public corruption cases directly related to relief, recovery and reconstruction efforts resulting from the recent natural disasters. I also want to express our appreciation for the exceptional leadership of Ms. Alice Fisher, Task Force Chairman and Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division.

The Federal Inspector General community considers stewardship of Federal hurricane disaster relief funds to be one of its highest priorities. The members of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency are working as a team to ensure that our response to the human tragedy associated with Katrina is aggressive and effective. As members of the Task Force, our collaborative work with Ms. Fisher and her colleagues ensures that the investigative resources of our community are focused on disaster-related issues – those pertaining to the mission of our respective agencies and those cross-cutting issues involving multiple Federal agencies. While my colleagues and I work regularly with Department of Justice personnel at both Headquarters and in the field, the level of cooperation in this matter is extraordinary.

On behalf of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, we are committed to the Katrina Fraud Task Force partnership in the hope that our collective efforts will benefit those citizens who have suffered greatly during these disasters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Friedman".

Gregory H. Friedman
Vice Chair
President's Council on Integrity and
Efficiency

