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The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
United States Attorney General
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

On behalf of the Anti-Defamation League, we write to convey our new report, *White Supremacist Prison Gangs in the United States*. Our research indicates that white supremacists in prisons constitute the fastest-growing segment of white supremacy in the United States. Members in these groups engage in a wide variety of criminal activities behind bars, and, more and more frequently, inspire hate-related criminal activity outside prison walls – on the streets of American communities, as well. This report contains a first-of-its-kind inventory of groups by state and prison system.

To compile this report, ADL's Center on Extremism reached out to corrections institutions and law enforcement agencies for information and conducted extensive research using case files, news stories, and our own information sources on white supremacist gang activities. We determined that white supremacist prison gangs are present in most state prison systems and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

To address this significant national concern, we recommend the following policy initiatives:

- 1) The Federal government should track violent prison gangs and publish a periodic report on the nature and magnitude of the danger they pose – both inside correctional facilities and outside.
- 2) The Department of Justice and state corrections officials should collect statistics on the violent crimes committed by inmates associated with prison gangs —especially murders and bias-motivated crimes.
- 3) The Department of Justice and state corrections officials should publish periodic reports on bias-motivated criminal activity behind bars – and describe what authorities are doing to combat this activity.
- 4) The Federal government and states should fund the creation of law enforcement task forces to address specific Bureau of Prisons and state and local prison gang problems – both behind bars and the impact of these criminal enterprises outside prison walls.

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5) The Federal government and state corrections officials should make Increased funding available to create and promote “exit” programs to encourage prison gang members to leave their gangs.

We very much hope our report and our policy recommendations will be helpful to you and your Justice Department colleagues in addressing this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,



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