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Attorney General Barr  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001.

Dear Attorney General Barr,

New Light Congregation and its members suffered grievous and profound losses on October 27, 2018. In consideration of the significant injury to our congregation, as Co-President of New Light Congregation, I request that the parties agree to a plea deal in which the perpetrator would accept a sentence of life imprisonment with no possibility of parole in exchange for the prosecution's agreement not to seek the death penalty.

I believe that the elimination of a trial and publicity for the shooter serves the interest of our congregation, as well as the general public. A plea bargain for life without parole will prevent this individual getting the attention and publicity that would inevitably come with a trial.

Such a plea would honor the memory of Richard Gottfried, Daniel Stein and Melvin Wax and would eliminate any possibility of further trauma that could result from a trial and protracted appeals, thereby serving the interests of justice.

Thank you for your consideration,

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