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The Honorable Michael Mukasey
Attorney General
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Mukasey:

During your testimony before the House Judiciary Committee yesterday, you answered a question by Congressman Chabot by commenting that the Justice Department's job is to uphold and defend the law, not to express opinions on policy. Yet that is exactly what your department did last week when Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Benczkowski issued a letter expressing the views of the Department of Justice on H.R. 3195, the ADA Restoration Act of 2007.

I agree with you that it is improper for the Department of Justice to meddle in policy considerations pending before Congress. Therefore, I demand that you retract Mr. Benczkowski's January 28th letter regarding H.R. 3195.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know how soon this retraction will be made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.
Member of Congress