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Mayor President Sharon Weston Broome  
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Police Chief Carl Dabadie, Jr.  
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Dear Mayor President Broome and Chief Dabadie:

The family of Alton Sterling demands the immediate termination of Officer Blane Salamoni and Howie Lake II, from the Baton Rouge Police Department. In our meeting with the Department of Justice we were informed that Officer Salamoni, upon arriving on scene, walked up to a non-confrontational Alton Sterling and put his department issued firearm to the side of Mr. Sterling's head and stated "bitch, I will shoot you in your mother fucking head." Not only is this a direct violation of BRPD's policy regarding de-escalation, but also a violation of multiple police procedures and policies recognized nationwide. More importantly, Officer Salamoni's actions directly escalated the entire interaction with Mr. Sterling, having placed in Mr. Sterling's mind that he was going to be killed no matter what he did even if he complied. Such aggressive and confrontational behavior is rumored to be common in the second district. The community fully understands the history that the Salamoni family has within the BRPD, yet personal relationships should not be allowed to dictate how discipline is handled by the BRPD for its officers.

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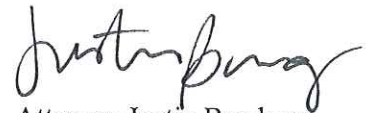
*Above all... Justice.*

Of major concern is that the department has known about Officer Salamoni's behavior since the night of the incident and did not take any action to terminate his employment for putting a gun to Mr. Sterling's head, simply because his hands were not flat on the hood and he was asking why he was being confronted. The lack of any action by the Mayor and Chief of Police have forced the attorneys for the Sterling family to now request all documents related to discipline within the BRPD, in order to determine if all officers are being treated equally regarding discipline no matter the race, gender or family ties. The Sterling family continues to stand by their position that not all officers in the BRPD conduct themselves in the same manner as Officer Salamoni; but by keeping him on the force it continues a very dark cloud over the city and the department. The current investigation being conducted by Attorney General Landry is not related to whether or not Officer Salamoni keeps his job and is fit to be a member of the BRPD, that decision was made by Officer Salamoni himself when he put a loaded department firearm to Mr. Sterling's head without justification and with reckless disregard.

Sincerely,



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