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Hon. Eric Holder
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

My name is Eli Lehrer and I am President of the R Street Institute, a free-market think tank located in Washington, D.C. R Street is a right-of-center organization that supports free markets and limited, effective government. I am also one of the initial signatories of the Right on Crime statement of principles and currently serve as advisor to the Justice Performance Project of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). I have personally worked on issues related to crime, prisons, and policing in previous jobs at the Heritage Foundation and with the Unisys Corporation.

The Brennan Center for Justice has shared its work on “success-oriented funding” with me. Based on my reading of the work, I wholeheartedly endorse the Brennan Center’s proposal to reform the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program. Among other things, I strongly urge that you consider measures that rethink, replace and reengineer current measures used in evaluating Byrne Grants with new, better, more relevant ones, increase public data availability, and provide more technical assistance to the states in enhancing measurements.

In short, the Brennan Centers’ reform agenda for Byrne Grants deserves your support.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eli Lehrer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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