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To: Susan E. Pollack
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Shalom Susan,

Hope this email finds you well.

I am proud to share with you our recent important achievement of doing justice.

Justice has eluded Demas Fekade, IDF officer of Ethiopian descent. Following his unprovoked beating by police in April 2015 which ignited the numerous protests and demonstrations of Ethiopian Israelis, the former Attorney General Mr. Yehuda Weinstein, despite the indisputable video footage of the incident, chose to close the criminal investigation of the police officers.

Mr. Weinstein's decision was rather strange as according to his official statement, he said that his decision was made on grounds that there is no public interest and therefore no need to persecute the case. Instead of accepting the decision, Tebeka challenged it and turned to Mr. Weinstein and demanded that he overturn his decision and order to investigate the incident. As a result, in 2015 Tebeka met twice with Mr. Weinstein and met with the new Attorney General Dr. Achivai Mandelblit in March 2016 followed by various letters sent to him. By the end of 2016, Tebeka had still not received a decision about whether the case was going to be overturned.

Tebeka together with Demas Fekade via his att. filed a petition to the high court and demanded that Attorney General Mandelbilt provide an answer about the case. Yesterday, Tebeka received the answer. The case was overturned and a new investigation was ordered. This is one step towards justice for Mr. Fekade.

We will keep you posted as things unfold.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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