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**SENT VIA FAX AND U.S. MAIL**  
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The Honorable Josh Kaul  
Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin  
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Madison, WI 53707-7857

Re: Thank you for initiating investigation into clergy abuse in Wisconsin

Dear Attorney General Kaul:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) to express our gratitude for your decision to open an investigation into the widespread problem of clergy abusing children in Wisconsin.

We wrote to you on January 25 urging you to open this investigation, and we know that survivors and other advocacy organizations have also contacted your office. Thank you for listening to these voices and taking the first step toward holding churches accountable for their complicity in abuse, toward achieving justice for survivors, and, most importantly, toward protecting Wisconsin children from future abuse at the hands of religious organizations.

In other states and countries, similar investigations have revealed patterns of abuse and cover-up more vast than previously anticipated. We have every confidence that your office will similarly pursue the full extent of these crimes. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan D. Jayne". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ryan D. Jayne  
Staff Attorney