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The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota, on behalf of itself and its many thousands of members in the State of Minnesota, requests the United States Department of Justice to immediately commence an investigation in order to answer the following questions:

- 1. Was the traffic stop of Mr. Philandro Castile on the evening of July 6, 2015 near the intersection of Larpenteur and Fry in Falcon Heights, Minnesota the result of racial profiling?
- 2. Were the civil rights of Mr. Castile violated when he was shot by a police officer during said traffic stop?
- 3. Were the civil rights of Mr. Castile violated when the police officer involved in the shooting of Mr. Castile, and other police officers arriving at the scene of the incident, failed to immediately render first aid to Mr. Castile which might have prevented his death from the wounds suffered at the hands of the police officer?
- 4. Were the civil rights of Mr. Castile's companion at the time of the shooting violated when she was handcuffed and placed in the back of a police car, and then held at the Roseville Police Station until 5:00 a.m.?

We look forward to a prompt response to this request from the Department of Justice.

Respectfully,

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