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Dear Attorney General Harris and Senior Assistant Attorney General Foote,

We are writing to present you with the attached analysis showing unprecedented market manipulation of gasoline prices by oil refiners in California. The information was initially provided to us by industry insiders who are deeply concerned by refiners' artificially inflating gas prices.

The actions taken over the past month by oil refiners to leverage their branded stations and force the gap between branded and unbranded wholesale prices to rise to unprecedented levels is costing Californians dearly at the pump. In addition, Tesoro's actions appear to violate its agreement with your office in the BP purchase in 2013 to maintain ARCO as the low price gasoline leader. We opposed that purchase, but the conditions you set on it should be enforceable under the law and Tesoro's market moves now appear to violate the agreement with your office.

On behalf of Consumer Watchdog, I urge you to appoint an independent prosecutor on this matter and on whether the state's refiners are violating anti-trust law. In a letter in March to the California Senate you placed your full faith and trust in resolving the matter in the California Energy Commission's Petroleum Market Oversight Committee (PMAC). That committee has not met since the gasoline price spikes in California that began in early February and created as much as a \$1.30 gap with gas prices in America.

We are presenting this evidence to PMAC today as well but hold out no hope for an expeditious resolution of this Golden State gouging without the intervention of your office in these matters. California drivers are literally losing billions of hard earned dollars each month. They need your help. We look forward to providing any additional information you may require.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Court", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jamie Court, President