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Honorable Letitia James
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Dear Attorney General James,

We have a serious problem in Suffolk County.

The most heinous crimes in our county's long history are the horrific murders of at least ten victims whose remains were found in the area around Gilgo Beach, New York. Although the last victim was found more than a decade ago, no arrests have been made in this case.

Not long after the Gilgo Beach/Long Island Serial Killer (LISK) victims were discovered, Steve Bellone was elected as our Suffolk County Executive and named Suffolk County Police Department Sgt. James Burke to be his Chief of Department. County Executive Bellone's choice came as a surprise to many given that Burke had numerous red flags in his police department internal affairs file. These included drug use, a drunk driving incident, and a proven allegation of Burke having a sexual encounter with a sex worker while in uniform, in his police vehicle, and not securing his service weapon.

One of Burke's first actions upon being hired as Police Chief by County Executive Bellone was to begin working to remove the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from assisting in the Gilgo Beach/Long Island Serial murders investigation. Needless to say, Burke's decision to decline assistance from the world's leading law enforcement agency, with its unparalleled experience in such cases and the world's best forensic capabilities, defied reason.

This suspicious decision, along with other actions on the part of former Suffolk County Police Chief James Burke and former Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota (both now convicted felons), as well as suspicious actions taken by Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone in protecting Burke, bring us to the current state of affairs in Suffolk.

Sadly, but not surprisingly, many residents of Suffolk County - and followers of this case found throughout the world - now firmly believe that our former Police Chief, James Burke, was personally involved in these murders either directly or indirectly. The unfathomable actions of both former DA Thomas Spota and current County Executive Steve Bellone only add to the questions being asked about the investigation into these terrible crimes.

As the New York State senator who represents the communities of Gilgo Beach and Oak Beach, where most of these murder victims were found, I hereby officially request that you seek the appropriate legal referrals to name a Special Prosecutor to look into the investigation of the so-called "Gilgo Beach/Long



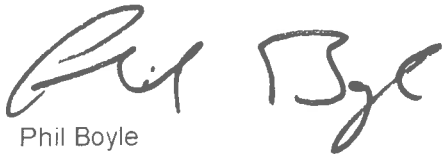
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Island Serial Killer" case during the tenure of former Chief Burke. I ask that any report specifically look at the period of time dating from the election of Steve Bellone as our Suffolk County Executive on November 5, 2011 to December 10, 2015, the date that the FBI officially joined the investigation into these murders.

Please feel free to contact my office if we can provide any additional information relating to the need for this objective review of this investigation.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Phil Boyle
Member of Senate