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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jaime Hernandez. I am writing because I am a concerned citizen of this country, I have contacted hundreds of people, politicians, organizations and newspapers, I have even hand delivered a letter to US Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald's office, only to receive a response from his "Screening Committee" stating that my complaint does not form the basis for any action by the US Attorney's office at this time. (I have included a copy of that letter.) I do not know what it takes for someone to do something about the fraud and corruption in our city. I am so fed up with the corruption here in the City of Chicago and the state of Illinois. I have never felt so much discrimination in my life, than I have felt right now. I have been fighting for my rights as a citizen of this country. I was thrown in jail and false charges brought against me; I am currently fighting a case against the Cook County Sheriff Department which stems from myself and a couple of other people being invited to attend a court proceeding as a court watcher at the Richard J. Daley Center in Chicago, where one of the Sheriff Deputies lied and said that there was a disturbance in the courtroom. The Sheriff Department wrote up false charges against me. After they arrested me and finally released me, as I immediately left the building, I took out my cell phone as I am walking away from the building, the next thing I know I am being jumped from behind by Cook County Sheriff Deputies. I did not know what was happening, so I put my hands up to protect myself, one of them said, "Oh now you're going to do some time, you struck an officer". I then asked them what did I do, and the deputy responded, "You took a picture, that's illegal." They claimed that I took a picture of security procedures which is not true. If anyone took a picture it was them, but only they and God know. When I went back a few days later to pick up my property, my phone, my belt and jacket was missing, all of my money was there, but they took the phone, claiming that the items that were missing were never there.

I was able to obtain the transcripts from this date, which proves that there was no disturbance, if there was one; I am 100% positive that the transcript would have shown the judge saying something about it. There is nothing to support the sheriffs' claim of a disturbance in the courtroom written in these transcripts. I had called the judge's office, shortly thereafter, to see about getting a copy of the audio tapes of the proceedings for that date and time which I was in court. I left several messages, however no one from the judge's office ever got back to me. A few weeks passed and I found out that the judge

was dead. I have filed a complaint with the Inspector General of the Cook County Sheriff Department against those deputies who participated in fabricating those charges against me. My civil rights and my Constitutional rights were violated.

I am the owner of a small trucking company that used to participate in the City of Chicago's Hired Truck Program. I am sure that you have heard of the Hired Truck Program (HTP), a lot of people were convicted of bribery and other charges. After all of the crooks were thrown out of the program and later some of them went to prison, all that remained were honest, hardworking, mostly minority and disadvantaged companies that were trying to make a living. The City of Chicago fired us and ended the program, which cause financial distress to us; some were so heavy in debt that they went bankrupt. I have included a copy of the suit myself and other minority companies have filed here in the Circuit Court of Cook County against the City of Chicago, Mayor Richard J. Daley, former Budget Director Paul Volpe, and former Hired Truck Program director Tom Kness. They unjustly got rid of us and gave multi-million dollar contracts to connected companies such as Will Rent and those who make political contributions; I am not paying a cent to do what I am entitled to do, making an honest living. The City of Chicago also lied to its taxpayers, stating that by ending the program and leasing trucks and tractors from these other companies would save taxpayer money. This is not true, when they are paying union wages to their drivers, health insurance and other fringe benefits and also whether the equipment that the city is leasing gets used or not, the city is still responsible for paying the vendor because they are under contract. The media knows this, but will not acknowledge it or publicize it to its viewers. There was a snippet in Friday's Sun Times by columnist Michael Sneed, about former US Rep. Dan Rostenkowski from an off the record conversation with former President Gerald Ford in a book written by Thomas M DeFrank; it says: Quoth Ford: "Danny's problem was he played precisely under the rules of the City of Chicago. Now, those aren't the same rules that any other place in the country lives by."

When former Illinois Governor George Ryan was indicted, there was a story in the Chicago Tribune where Ryan says, "What are you blaming me for; this has been going on before me." Now if Ryan knew about the corruption, instead of him doing something about it, he decided to take part in it. Our current governor is no good either; I have contacted him also, only to be ignored. His wife and her real estate deals with companies that turn around and get awarded million dollar contracts.

Contacting someone from Chicago or even the state of Illinois for help, does no good, they are a part of the problem, not the solution.

Jaime Hernandez