State Attorney General Kwame Raoul
Office of the Illinois Attorney General
Attn: Crime Victim Services Division
100 West Randolph Street, 13th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Attorney General Raoul,

Teyonna Lofton graduated from high school the morning of May 31, 2020. She was excited to start college at Louisiana State University (LSU) in the fall.

On the evening of May 31st, Teyonna decided to go out to get something to drink from a local gas station around. Due to COVID-19, a line of patrons stood socially-distanced outside the store. Security footage from the gas station shows a vehicle driving onto the scene and an individual opening fire on the customers who were waiting in line. As people hit the ground, you can see Teyonna has been shot.

She has received no follow-up information from the police about the shooter and was not well-informed about victim’s compensation benefits to which she is entitled. Teyonna is one of many individuals who experiences everyday gun violence in her South side of Chicago community.

There must be accountability for the crime to which Teyonna was subjected. I also ask that your office provide Teyonna with victim’s compensation as outlined in the Illinois Crime Victim Compensation Act.

Yours sincerely,