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For Immediate Release:

August 12, 2008 marks the first anniversary of the disappearance of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine. It has been a year today since we have advised members of the Préval administration of the disappearance of this prominent figure of Haiti's political scene—to no avail. A year later, no indication has been provided by the administration as to what happen to Lovinsky Pierre Antoine. Lovinsky Pierre Antoine, before anything else is a family man with two sons and a wife living in Washington with no help from the government after the disappearance of this family man.

In addition, Lovinsky Pierre Antoine was the national coordinator of September 30th Foundation and has frequently been targeted for his advocacy work. Lovinsky had been touring the country with our delegation which included American, Canadian, and Haitian nationals. The delegation had been meeting with Haitian grassroots organizations, government officials and individuals to gather information about the human rights situation in Haiti which was quite disturbing at the time. The delegation successfully negotiated the release of two illegally imprisoned Haitians on August 7, 2007, one of which was 13 years of age incarcerated with the general population. Two hours after our return in Port-Au-Prince on August 12, 2007, Lovinsky was snatched and no one from the Préval administration seems to be concerned despite the fact that they were advised the same day of the disappearance.

We are urging a response from the Haitian Government on the disappearance of Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine.

We are urging the District Attorney of Port-au-Prince Claudy Gassant or Manès Louis, Assistant District Attorney and Frantz Termilus of the DCPJ to publish the result of the investigations as further delay will constitute a deliberate violation and endangerment of the life of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine.

We are urging officially Mr. Necker DESSABLES Citizens Advocate to officially take on the case of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine and call upon the Government to provide answers related to his disappearance. The role of the office known as the OFFICE OF CITIZEN PROTECTION is established to protect all individuals against any form of abuse by the government as stated in article 207 of the 1987 constitution.

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