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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write this letter to express support for the nomination of Debo Adebile to become the Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. As the Attorney General for the State of New York, I am confident that Debo will provide the leadership necessary to defend the civil rights of Americans living in my state and across the nation.

Born in New York, Mr. Adebile's life embodies the American Dream. He has shown incredible perseverance in overcoming adversity, and ultimately embarked on a career in public service that has been characterized by distinction. His professional record demonstrates that he has the expertise necessary to effectively and successfully lead the Civil Rights Division. In his previous roles at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, he maintained a reputation of providing strong leadership and exercising sound judgment.

Strong civil rights enforcement remains necessary in New York and across our nation. We need a capable and effective advocate like Debo Adebile to head the Division tasked with addressing those challenges. For these reasons, I urge the Senate to confirm Mr. Adebile to serve as the Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division for the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Schneiderman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eric T. Schneiderman