

January 22, 2015

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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RE: LORETTA LYNCH

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

We write to support the confirmation of Loretta Lynch as Attorney General of the United States.

We are all former United States Attorneys. Some of us served in Republican administrations, some in Democratic administrations. We all share a deep commitment to the rule of law and an abiding respect for the Department of Justice.

A few of us served with Ms. Lynch in the Clinton administration. Others had dealings with her when she was in private practice and still others when she served again as U.S. Attorney in the E.D.N.Y.. We firmly believe that Ms. Lynch will make an outstanding Attorney General. And, we are very pleased that the President has nominated a sitting U.S. Attorney to be Attorney General. Indeed, if confirmed, this would be the first time in almost two centuries that a U.S. Attorney would have been directly elevated to Attorney General.

As you might expect, we are proud of our service in the Justice Department and believe that serving as U.S. Attorney provides a strong background to be Attorney General. Both because of that and because of her own strong personal qualifications, we believe that Ms. Lynch has the experience, temperament, independence, integrity, and judgment to immediately assume this critically important position.

We strongly support her speedy confirmation.

Sincerely,

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