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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley,

On behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), representing 2500 elected and appointed District Attorneys across the United States as well as 40,000 assistant district attorneys, I write in strong support of Loretta Lynch's nomination to lead the Department of Justice (DOJ) as the next Attorney General of the United States. As prosecutors facing challenges in the field from violent crime, to human trafficking, to gangs and drug traffickers, our membership feels that Ms. Lynch understands the operational nature of these challenges and will be a strong independent voice at the helm of the Department.

After Ms. Lynch joined the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York in 1990, she quickly rose through the ranks, culminating in her nomination in 1999 to be the US Attorney in that office. Now in her second stint as the US Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Ms. Lynch has prosecuted cases involving violent crime, terrorism, public corruption, organized crime and drug trafficking, giving her a breadth of experience in some of our nation's most serious crimes. Her experience prosecuting terrorism related cases has earned her office the reputation of being a leading voice on national security issues, a vital component to protecting our nation's citizens and promoting public safety.

In addition to her role as a US Attorney, she currently leads the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, advising the current Attorney General on a wide variety of operational and policy challenges facing practitioners in the field. Our membership, including the District Attorneys in jurisdictions under the US Attorney's Office in the Eastern District, feels very strongly that Ms. Lynch will be a fair, balanced, and independent Attorney General.

Having already been confirmed twice by acclamation, we look forward to a swift and fair consideration of Loretta Lynch's nomination to be the next Attorney General and hope that you will consider NDAA as a resource in support of Ms. Lynch's character, work ethic, and policy expertise. We would also greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with Ms. Lynch upon confirmation to discuss NDAA's priorities and ways in which our organization can partner with DOJ to advance public safety across the country.

Respectfully,

Michael Moore
President
National District Attorneys Association