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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of Chief Judge Merrick Garland to be Attorney General of the United States. Judge Garland is eminently qualified to lead the Department of Justice. He is a renowned jurist, respected leader, and a good and decent man.

Judge Garland's extensive experience in the Judicial and Executive Branches make him an excellent choice to lead the Department. Judge Garland honed his understanding and reverence for the rule of law, including his intricate involvement with criminal law, administrative law, and civil litigation, through years of leadership on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, at the Department of Justice, and in private practice.

His broad experience prosecuting and defending cases, issuing legal opinions, and leading the D.C. Circuit as the Chief Judge of that court would serve him well in leading an organization as complex and consequential as the Department of Justice. Judge Garland is already familiar with the inner workings of the Department of Justice, having previously served as the principal associate deputy attorney general, a deputy assistant attorney general in the Department's criminal division, and an assistant United States Attorney.

Judge Garland knows the importance of fair prosecution, adherence to the law, and administrative procedure. We are confident that he would successfully lead the Department, and we welcome the opportunity to work with him and his team on issues important to the business community. We thank the committee for scheduling the February 22 and 23 hearings to consider his nomination, and we look forward to his confirmation to be the Attorney General of the United States.

Sincerely,



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