

September 29, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary, United States  
Senate, Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Ranking  
Member Committee on the Judiciary, United  
States Senate Washington, DC 2051

RE: Correctional, Probation, and Parole Leaders Letter of Support for Amy L. Solomon to Serve  
as Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

Dear Senators Schumer, McConnell, Durbin and Grassley:

We are writing to express our support for Ms. Amy Solomon to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) within the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ). Each of us has served or currently serves as the head of a state or local probation, parole, and/or youth corrections agency, and are highly experienced and deeply invested in the work of OJP.

Ms. Solomon's public service career has spanned over 30 years, and her experience and dedication are impressive. She is committed to the values that have driven us as probation leaders and correctional administrators—advancing public safety, safely reducing overreliance on supervision and incarceration, and supporting the professionals who devote their lives to improving justice systems.

The Office of Justice Programs is the primary grantmaking entity within the USDOJ, supporting systems change efforts at the state, local, and Tribal levels. Our communities need the support of OJP in making funding available and best practices accessible, in order to implement proven and innovative strategies that keep our communities safe and reduce unnecessary incarceration. This is Ms. Solomon's third time working at OJP, equipping her with a deep understanding of the Federal government's ability and opportunities to support our local communities' efforts to keep communities safe and support the rehabilitation and well-being of system-impacted youth and adults.

Ms. Solomon has proven herself to be a great collaborator and partner, working with individuals and organizations on all sides of the justice system. Throughout her career, she has been a leader in bipartisan reentry efforts to help people safely and successfully return to their home communities following a period of incarceration.

Without reservation, we support Ms. Solomon's confirmation for this essential role. We know that Ms. Solomon will execute her duties as OJP's Assistant Attorney General with honor and integrity, and that our communities will be safer, more just, and better supported because of her leadership.

We appreciate your consideration of our letter of support for Amy Solomon to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Ambrose, Former Commissioner, Department of Human Services for the City of Philadelphia; Former Bureau Director of Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Services for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Phyllis Becker, Former Director, Missouri Division of Youth Services

Barbara Broderick, Chair, Executives Transforming Probation and Parole; Former Chief Probation Officer, Maricopa County, Arizona

Gladys Carrión, Co-Chair, Youth Correctional Leaders for Justice; Former Commissioner, New York City Administration for Children's Services; Former Commissioner, New York State Office of Children and Family Services

Henry Gonzales, Executive Director, Harris County Juvenile Probation

Gerald Hinzman, Former President, American Probation and Parole Association (APPA); Former Director, Sixth District Department of Correctional Services, Iowa

Deborah Hodges, Former Director, Lucas County Juvenile Court, Toledo, Ohio

Marcus Hodges, Associate Director, Washington DC Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), and former President, National Association of Probation Executives (NAPE)

Martin F Horn, Former Secretary of Corrections, Commission of Pennsylvania; Former Commissioner of Corrections, City of New York; Former Commissioner of Probation, City of New York

Michael Jacobson, Executive Director, CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance; Professor, Sociology Department CUNY Graduate Center

Joe Leavey, Acting Director of Probation and Court Services, Juvenile Probation Department, Cook County, Illinois

Patrick McCarthy, Former Division Director, Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families

David Muhammad, Former Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County, CA

Mario A. Paparozzi, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice University of North Carolina at Pembroke; and former Chairman, New Jersey State Parole Board

Anne L. Precythe, Director, Missouri Department of Corrections; President, Correctional Leaders Association.

Ellen Schall, Former Commissioner, NYC Department of Juvenile Justice

Marc Schindler, Former Interim Director, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, Washington, D.C.

Vincent Schiraldi, Former Director, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, Washington, D.C.; Former Commissioner, New York City Department of Probation

Mark Steward, Director, Missouri Youth Services Institute

Wendy Still, Former Chief Probation Officer, Alameda and San Francisco Counties, California

Scott Taylor, Former Director, Multnomah County Department of Community Justice

Ray Wahl, Former Utah Deputy State Court Administrator

Kathy Waters, Former Director, Adult Probation Services, Arizona Supreme Court