



Reasons

March 22, 2011

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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Grassley:

The purpose of this letter is to whole heartedly endorse the nomination of Major General Marilyn Quagliotti, USA Retired as the Deputy Director for Supply Reduction in the Office of the National Drug Control Policy. Marilyn's brilliant leadership experience as a senior military officer who has traveled extensively and worked to solve complex problems qualifies her for this position. She is enormously talented, has extremely good judgment, and is a person of absolute integrity.

The Deputy Director for Supply Reduction is a key member of ONDCP. The portfolio of this position includes law enforcement activities outside the United States, source country programs to include economic development, activities to control international trafficking and availability of illegal drugs. Her nine years of overseas duty, which included two years in Panama during the time I was the SOUTHCOM Commander, gives her a perspective that is needed to work with our neighbors on drug trafficking issues. As a senior advisor to the Columbian Army, she witnessed firsthand the challenges of a country trying to break free of a debilitating narco-terror threat and build a democracy.

The administration has developed counter narcotics strategies. Strategy documents are only successful if you have good and competent people focused on achieving results. Marilyn commanded military unit five times. Command is a unique title in the military. It carries with it responsibility and accountability for everything the organization does or fails to do. As the Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, she will put this experience to good use. She will certainly collaborate across the government to have a coherent government effort but she will always be focused on achieving results.

Marilyn Quagliotti will be a great asset to our efforts to reduce the illegal drug supply.

Sincerely,

Barry R. McCaffrey
General, USA (Retired)