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

Senator 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:

I am writing to offer my wholehearted support for Major General Marilyn A. Quagliotti, USA, Retired, for the position of Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

I have known General Quagliotti for twenty years, first as a subordinate, a junior military officer, under her battalion command at Fort Hood, Texas and in recent years in a friendship context. While she was my commanding officer I worked directly for her, took her direction and executed the mission. One would see this relationship as a simple superior to subordinate relationship. But, here is the significant difference she instilled upon me; she made me understand that a true leader actually works for their subordinates. Her leadership trait of supporting her subordinates cultivated high moral. She provided the tools that promoted personal growth, team success and professional achievement! Though the years have passed since I had the privilege to work with her, time has not diminished the profound impact her leadership had on my professional and personal life.

Marilyn Quagliotti's executive leadership and operational knowledge of international environments, interagency polices, coupled with her ability to garner collaboration for cooperative interagency efforts has been demonstrated many times throughout her successful career – both military and civilian. She has the common-sense approach and drive needed to make a difference in reducing the supply of drugs on the streets of our Great Nation. I cannot stress enough my confidence in Marilyn Quagliotti.

Sincerely,


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