

April 19, 2013

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Judicial Nomination of Valerie Caproni

Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Grassley:

We are writing to convey our support for the nomination of Valerie Caproni to be a Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Each of us served in the Administration of President George W. Bush and came to know Valerie through her work as General Counsel of the FBI. That position, as you know, is both challenging and highly important, and requires an individual of the utmost integrity, professionalism, and capabilities as a lawyer.

Valerie embodied each of those virtues in her service as General Counsel. She is a talented lawyer and a straight-shooter who has devoted much of her professional career to public service and has always acted in a non-partisan way. We have watched her deal with important and difficult issues with great skill, judgment, and honesty. And from her experiences at the FBI and before that as a federal prosecutor in New York, she has a deep understanding and appreciation for the work and needs of law enforcement, including the importance within the law enforcement community of careful adherence to the law. We believe those qualities in particular make Valerie an excellent choice for the federal bench. We strongly support her nomination, and recommend her confirmation without reservation.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.

Sincerely,

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