

May 2, 2013

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

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
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Re: Nomination of Rachel Barkow

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write in support of Rachel Barkow's nomination to serve as a Commissioner on the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

All of us worked alongside Rachel as law clerks at the Supreme Court of the United States during the 1997–98 Term. Rachel earned the greatest respect from each of us for her strong character, sharp intellect, tireless enthusiasm and good humor, and legal acumen. Since her clerkship, Rachel has served with great distinction in private practice and as a law professor, most recently having served for eleven years as a professor at New York University School of Law. She is widely regarded as one of the nation's foremost experts on criminal law and sentencing policies.

We have no doubt that, should she be confirmed, Rachel would serve with great distinction, and we therefore support her nomination to serve as a Commissioner on the U.S. Sentencing Commission without reservation.

Sincerely,

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