

June 22, 2017

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are writing to support the confirmation of Beth A. Williams to become the Assistant Attorney General overseeing the Office of Legal Policy. We have known Beth for more than fifteen years and, although we may not agree on many other topics, we agree that Beth will be a superb leader for the Office.

We both met Beth while attending law school with her at Harvard. One of us, Arun Bhoomik, was in her first year law section and first got to know Beth through attending classes together. The other, Katie Biber, was active in many student groups at the law school, and met Beth through those activities. In our third year at the law school, we both led political student groups. Arun was one of two co-presidents of the HLS Democrats, and Katie was president of the HLS Republicans. We both continued our friendships with Beth after graduating law school. Like Beth, we both clerked for federal judges - Arun for Judge Stephen C. Robinson (Southern District of New York), and Katie for Judge Timothy Tymkovich (10th Circuit Court of Appeals). Katie was the general counsel for Gov. Mitt Romney's 2008 and 2012 presidential campaigns. She has now returned to private practice, and currently is the general counsel for a San Francisco-based technology company. Arun served for several years as a prosecutor in the Fraud Section of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division before returning to private practice as a partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP.

Through our interactions with her in law school, and our continued interactions with her to this day, we have witnessed first-hand her sound judgment, principled ethics, sterling

intellect, and civil demeanor. We both have interacted with Beth when organizing events during our time in law school and have had lengthy discussions with her on important issues of law and policy. In all of those interactions, we have consistently been impressed with her ability to constructively address and mediate contentious issues, both through identifying points of common ground and engaging opposing viewpoints with respect and consideration. We have every confidence that she will make an excellent Assistant Attorney General, and we join in wholeheartedly endorsing her.

Respectfully,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Biber'.

Kathryn Biber