

COMMONWEALTH OF  
PUERTO RICO  
GOVERNOR

May 17, 2013

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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, I write to express my strong support of the nomination of Mr. Tony West to become the Associate Attorney General of the United States.

I have come to know Mr. West through the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico. As Co-Chair of the Task Force and Co-Chair of the Task Force Public Safety Working Group, Mr. West spearheads the President's effort to address the devastating incidence of drug-related violent crime on the island. He has demonstrated profound skill, legal expertise and an inclusive approach galvanizing key stakeholders in Puerto Rico and across the federal government toward common solutions. Furthermore, Mr. West has been a leader in relations among Congress and the people and leaders of Puerto Rico.

Mr. West's experienced leadership, capacity to engage others and ability to respond effectively to the circumstances confronting the residents of Puerto Rico has helped to solidify the foundation of our successful working relationship with the Administration. It is my hope the Senate will promptly confirm Mr. West to serve as the Associate Attorney General for the United States.

Cordially,



Alejandro J. García-Padilla