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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 Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

For more than thirty years, the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) has been helping people keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe from crime. NCPC provides practical information on proven and cost-effective crime prevention practices to local law enforcement, community leaders, and citizens. On behalf of the NCPC Board of Directors, its staff and the thousands of crime prevention practitioners across the country whom we represent, we write to express our overwhelming support for the nomination of Tony West to become the Associate Attorney General of the United States.

NCPC has been successful in our mission because we believe in working collaboratively with government officials, locally focused partners and stakeholders to integrate and synchronize crime prevention campaigns, initiatives, and programs, to achieve maximum national impact against crime. We have worked closely with Mr. West and know him to be a profoundly capable advocate whose passion for protecting Americans from crime is rivaled only by his leadership and ability to develop innovative and effective crime prevention strategies.

Most recently, we have been honored to work with Mr. West to ensure that fewer consumers become victims of intellectual property (IP) theft and crime. As Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, Mr. West formed and led a team of attorneys in the Consumer Protection Branch dedicated to handling counterfeit pharmaceutical cases; those trafficked over the Internet in particular.

As Acting Associate Attorney General, he was instrumental to the development of the resources and tools for the IP campaign, which raises awareness among adults ages 18-30 about the real consequences of counterfeit and pirated products. To further support the IP campaign effort, Mr. West penned an op-ed that was run as a guest blog on WebMD about the dangers of counterfeit pharmaceuticals.

More broadly, NCPC believes that comprehensive crime prevention action plans are vital to long-term community success against crime prevention. That is why we value Tony West's experience and reputation for facilitating cooperation among federal and state partners, as well as across sectors, to develop prevention strategies that meet ever-changing community needs. For example, we applaud Mr.

West's initiative, as co-chair of the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force Mortgage Fraud Working Group, in convening banking and real estate organizations, state and local housing groups, and community and legal services groups, to work together to address mortgage fraud prevention. NCPC was pleased to present its mortgage fraud prevention efforts in front of the Mortgage Fraud Working Group and to enlist the group's assistance in the first-ever virtual conference on mortgage fraud, which occurred on April 10, 2013.

Similarly, we appreciate the collaboration, awareness-raising, and cross-sector planning among local partners that has been furthered under Mr. West's leadership through the expansion of the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention.

Advocates for prevention need committed allies at the Department of Justice like Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West who can bring communities together to implement innovative and adaptable approaches for preventing crime. We hope that the Senate will confirm Mr. West promptly to serve as the Associate Attorney General for the United States.

Sincerely,



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