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UNITED STATES SENATOR

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

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the
Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for Nomination of Karol V. Mason as Assistant Attorney
General for Justice Programs, Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am respectfully writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of my colleague Karol V. Mason to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs in the United States Department of Justice. I recommend Ms. Mason because of her demonstrated ability as a lawyer and her outstanding record of public service.

It was an honor and a privilege to serve with both of you, especially on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Nutrition. As the former Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, like you, I held numerous confirmation hearings and have a unique vantage point to assess Ms. Mason's credentials for public service. In short, her credentials are exceptional and our country will be well served by her confirmation and subsequent service.

I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Mason during her most recent time at Alston & Bird LLP, after her tenure as Deputy Associate Attorney General at the Department. She has served as a partner and part of the management committee of the firm and is an invaluable member of the firm's Real Estate Finance & Investment Group. Ms. Mason is an outstanding lawyer who serves the firm's clients well and conducts herself with the utmost professionalism and grace. It has been my privilege to work with her.

Ms. Mason possesses the character, intelligence, experience, and ability to serve as Assistant Attorney General. She has my highest recommendation, and I ask that you move forward with her prompt confirmation. If I can further advocate on her behalf, I hope you will not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Blanche L. Lincoln