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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

On behalf of the National District Attorneys Association, the oldest and largest organization representing over 39,000 of America's state and local prosecutors, we would like to offer our full support for the nomination of Judge Susan B. Carbon to become the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women within the United States Department of Justice.

Judge Carbon's past work experience has allowed her to develop and maintain strong relationships with the state and local criminal justice professionals who work closely with DOJ, including outstanding working relationships with state and local prosecutors. Judge Carbon, first appointed to the bench in 1991, has been a Supervisory Judge of the New Hampshire Judicial Branch Family Division since 1996. Judge Carbon has served as President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), where she still frequently serves as a faculty member. She also serves as faculty for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence - a partnership of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, the Family Violence Prevention Fund, and the NCJFCJ.

Judge Carbon is a member of the Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, and chairs New Hampshire's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee. She previously chaired the Grafton County Greenbook Project, a federally funded initiative to improve how courts, child protection agencies and domestic violence organizations work with families that experience both child abuse and neglect and domestic violence. Judge Carbon has trained judges and other professionals across the country and internationally on topics related to family violence, firearms, child custody, and child protection, and has been published extensively on these and other topics, including on judicial selection and retention and judicial administration.

The National District Attorneys Association believes that Judge Carbon would be an outstanding addition to Attorney General Holder's staff within the Department of Justice. We are happy to offer our full support for Judge Carbon's nomination to serve as Director of the Office on Violence Against Women and encourage her swift nomination by the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher D. Chiles".

Christopher D. Chiles
President