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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
226 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to express my strong support of the nomination of Debo P. Adebile to become the Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

The Civil Rights Division has a long and distinguished history of combating discrimination in all shapes and forms. It works to uphold and defend the civil and constitutional rights of all Americans, particularly some of the most vulnerable members of our society. Debo P. Adebile is uniquely qualified to lead the Division.

Throughout his career, Mr. Adebile has worked diligently to protect the civil rights of people across the country. He has distinguished himself as a highly effective and respected advocate with success both inside and outside the courtroom. During his decade at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., Mr. Adebile served in various leadership positions, including Acting President and Director-Counsel in 2012 and 2013. He twice defended the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act in oral argument before the U.S. Supreme Court – a law that preserves the fundamental integrity of our democracy.

I have known Mr. Adebile for more than fifteen years. During our time together in the

litigation department at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, Mr. Adebile demonstrated skill, legal acumen and a strong work ethic in his corporate law practice. While there, he represented major corporations in patent, antitrust and contract matters including clients such as Revlon and the Continental Grain Company. He also defended state and federal government officials in employment-related cases, and worked on several high profile pro bono matters.

The son of immigrants from Ireland and Nigeria who came to the U.S. as a domestic worker and a student respectively, Mr. Adebile exemplifies the American Dream. He financed his entire college and law school education with scholarships, loans and work-study employment.

Mr. Adebile possesses the intellect, skill, integrity and deep commitment to the Constitution necessary to lead the Civil Rights Division. He will serve our country well. For the aforementioned reasons, I strongly urge the Senate to promptly confirm him.

Sincerely,



HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES
Member of Congress