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March 15, 2013

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Ms. Karol Virginia Mason to be the Assistant Attorney General for Justice Programs, Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Minority Member Grassley:

The Squaxin Island Tribe strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Karol Virginia Mason as the new Assistant Attorney General for Justice Programs in the Department of Justice (DOJ). While serving as the Deputy Associate Attorney General, Ms. Mason played a key role in the establishment of the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS).

During the DOJ consultation process with Tribes, Ms. Mason encouraged Tribal leaders to continue to apply for all other non-Tribal specific grant programs offered by the Department of Justice DOJ, such as the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Drug Court Grants Program, the Office on Violence against Women's Legal Assistance to Victims' Grant Program and COPS general Hiring Grants Programs.

The Squaxin Island Tribe recommends the Senate Judiciary Committee approve the nomination of Ms. Karol V. Mason. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dave Lopeman, Chairman  
Squaxin Island Tribe