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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write to you today in support of Eric Dreiband and his nomination to be Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. I have known Eric since 1999. We first met when we worked together in the Office of the Independent Counsel and have remained friends ever since. He is compassionate, fair minded and is an excellent advocate.

I currently serve as President of the Republican National Lawyers Association, an organization devoted to advancing election integrity. I also was recently appointed by Speaker Paul Ryan to the Board of Advisors of the Election Assistance Commission, an independent body created to facilitate compliance with the Help America Vote Act. During my service as Counsel to Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, I was the lead policy advisor on the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act. It is my personal and professional opinion that Eric will be an effective advocate for the protection of civil right and for the prosecution of civil rights abuses. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

Very truly yours,

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