

August 31, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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**RE:   Nomination of Eric S. Dreiband**

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

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Eric Dreiband to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to returning to private practice three years ago, I worked in the DOJ Civil Rights Division for eight years as a Senior Trial Attorney, a Deputy Chief, and a Principal Deputy Chief. My time at DOJ's Civil Rights Division spanned two administrations and several Attorneys General. Based upon my time at DOJ, I know first-hand the qualities that are necessary to successfully run the Civil Rights Division and carry out its critically important mission. Without a doubt, Eric Dreiband has those qualities.

Eric has been a colleague and a friend for more than 10 years. He is an outstanding choice to lead the Civil Rights Division. Eric not only has a brilliant legal mind, he will tackle the difficult and sometimes controversial issues facing the Civil Rights Division in a thoughtful and even-handed manner. Eric does not come untested. He has a proven track record of aggressive civil rights enforcement from his time as General Counsel at the EEOC. I have no doubt that Eric will gain the much needed respect and confidence of career staff, who are sometimes skeptical of political appointees. I am happy to answer any question that you may have.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Esther Gwen Lander