

May 1, 2013

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

We have served as Assistant Attorneys General for the Civil Division in the Administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, William Clinton and George W. Bush, and in some cases have served in other positions in the United States Department of Justice as well. We write in strong support of the nomination of Stuart Delery to become Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Some of us have worked closely with Mr. Delery and others know him only by reputation and observation of his performance in office. All of us agree that Mr. Delery's experience as a lawyer in private practice and as a senior official in the Department of Justice since 2009 – including distinguished service in an acting capacity in the position for which he has been nominated – render him well qualified to perform the important duties of this position. We know or understand that Mr. Delery is a person of integrity and civility, who will be open to competing viewpoints about a particular matter and with the benefit of due consideration will seek to pursue the best interests of the United States. He has demonstrated throughout his career both great legal talent and sound judgment, central prerequisites for the job. Because the Civil Division has important enforcement responsibilities with respect to civil frauds and consumer protection, as well as lead responsibility for defending the legal interests of the United States in civil litigation, it is extremely valuable that his prior experience includes both extensive civil litigation and enforcement experience. Mr. Delery has further demonstrated that he is an able manager and leader, also key skills needed to run this significant litigating unit.

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For all of these reasons we hope that the Senate will confirm Mr. Delery promptly to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

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