

March 1, 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 Rachel Brand to Serve as Associate Attorney General

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write in support of the nomination of Rachel Brand for Associate Attorney General. We have served at the highest levels of the Department of Justice, under Presidents of both political parties, and have come to know Ms. Brand through her legal work, whether in government service or in the private sector.

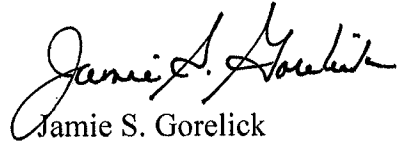
Ms. Brand is well qualified to serve as the Associate Attorney General. Her legal background is impressive. She clerked on the Supreme Court of the United States, for Justice Anthony Kennedy; served as an Associate Counsel to the President; was confirmed unanimously by the Senate twice, first as Assistant Attorney General and later as a Commissioner on the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. Ms. Brand would also bring private sector experience to the position. She served as Vice President and Chief Counsel for Regulatory Litigation at the U.S. Chamber Litigation Center and practiced with two firms in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Brand has a stellar reputation for, among other things, her integrity, legal skills, and respect for the law. More importantly, she has an abiding respect for the Department of Justice and the lawyers who serve there. Further, she understands the unique responsibility of the Department to uphold the rule of law and would serve as a trusted leader in the Department.

We strongly urge the Committee to report favorably her nomination.



John D. Ashcroft
Former Attorney General



Jamie S. Gorelick
Former Deputy Attorney General

On behalf of:

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Former Attorney General

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Former Attorney General

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