

December 30, 2013

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
United States Senate  
437 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-4502

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Leslie Caldwell, Nominee for Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department  
of Justice

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are friends, admirers, and former Justice Department colleagues of Leslie Caldwell, and we write in strong bipartisan support of her nomination to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. All of us have held, at one time or another, senior positions within the Justice Department, and have worked or are familiar with Ms. Caldwell.

Before entering private practice, Ms. Caldwell had a long and very distinguished career with the Department of Justice as an experienced prosecutor and manager. She has a depth and breadth of experience with criminal justice issues that will serve her well as Assistant Attorney General. She was an Assistant United States Attorney in both the Eastern District of New York and Northern District of California from 1987-2002. In the Eastern District of New York she tried numerous high profile RICO cases involving organized crime and the murders of law enforcement officers. During her time in the Northern District of California, she served as supervisor of the District's Securities Fraud Unit, as well as the Office's Criminal Chief. As a federal prosecutor, she tried more than 30 criminal cases and argued more than 30 appeals. In 2002, she was selected by the Department of Justice to lead the Enron Task Force and oversaw all aspects of the investigations, which resulted in the prosecution of more than 30 individuals. She received several awards for her service, including the prestigious Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service, the Attorney General's John Marshall Award and the Attorney General's Award for Fraud Prevention. She also received numerous awards for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and the New York City Bar Association's Stimson Medal for outstanding performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Ms. Caldwell has held several management positions and has the necessary management skills to oversee the 750 plus individuals working in the Criminal Division. She is thoughtful and pursues a principled approach to matters and policy issues. In addition, throughout her career, she has worked well with state and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as independent agencies such as the Securities & Exchange Commission and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission. This ability to work with those outside the Department of Justice is also an important component of

her ability to lead. She is known throughout for her professionalism, legal acumen, ethics, and fairness.

We believe Ms. Caldwell possesses the characteristics to be a strong and effective leader of the Criminal Division. We thank the Committee for allowing us to present this information about her and believe that our country would be well-served to see her confirmed.

Respectfully,

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Paul McNulty, *former Deputy Attorney General*

George Terwilliger, *former Deputy Attorney General*

Larry Thompson, *former Deputy Attorney General*

Lanny Breuer, *former Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division*

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