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Dear Chairman *Chuck* Grassley and Ranking Member *Patrick* Leahy,

I am very pleased to support the nomination of the Honorable Loretta Lynch to the Judiciary Committee for Attorney General of the United States. This Committee has now confirmed Ms. Lynch on two separate occasions for United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York ('USA') and I urge you and the Members to confirm her once again. In my twenty-five years of public service--23 in the Department of Justice--I cannot think of a more qualified nominee to be America's chief law enforcement officer.

I first came to know Ms. Lynch when I was FBI director and she became the USA in 1999. As you know, the FBI's New York Office is the largest and most complex in the country and its success is dependent of the strong, efficient and fair leadership of the USA's offices there. Ms. Lynch's first tenure as USA was outstanding in this regard and both my NY Assistant Director and 'street Agents' then advised me that Ms. Lynch led her 160-Assistant USA office with skill, 'hands-on' leadership, fairness and independence. I have found over the years that the Agents' appraisal of their prosecutors--stellar in Ms. Lynch's case--is the best single evaluation of a US Attorney's performance.

Prior to serving as USA for the first time, Ms. Lynch distinguished herself as an excellent prosecutor as evidenced by the highly professional and effective manner in which she personally prosecuted the Abner Louma civil rights case. As USA, Ms. Lynch continued to be a hands-on prosecutor and law enforcement leader, always maintaining the respect and credibility of prosecutors and law enforcement colleagues. Last May, for example, Ms. Lynch joined me along with several of her organized crime prosecutors and FBI Agents in Palermo to honor the memory of Judge Giovanni Falcone, a great Italian law enforcement partner who was assassinated by the mafia in 1994. Ms. Lynch not only led the DOJ delegation but conducted important bilateral meetings with senior Italian law enforcement officials. This critical liaison has enabled our 20-year old US-Italian Organized Crime Working Group to be maintained at the highest operational level.

Ms. Lynch's work as a Hogan and Hartson litigation partner has also provided her with the perspective and balance which makes a great prosecutor an even greater law enforcement leader. As chairman of a large law firm and corporate defense attorney, I know that Ms. Lynch enjoyed a solid reputation as an

effective and dedicated advocate for US corporations, financial institutions and individuals being investigated by the DOJ. This experience provides her with the good judgment and knowledge to be a fair and judicious Attorney General.

Ms. Lynch returned as USA in 2010 to continue her 15 years of dedicated service to DOJ. During her second tenure, Ms. Lynch distinguished herself once again as a truly independent, fair and successful prosecutor and leader. Ms. Lynch has worked tirelessly to defend FBI Agents, New York Police Department officers, DEA Agents and US Marshals against false allegations by subject drug dealers. This has earned her the lasting respect and admiration of the thousands of law enforcement officers who work in New York City. Ms. Lynch has protected New Yorkers against terrorism by aggressively and successfully prosecuting the 2009 al-Qaeda plot to blow up the NYC subway system, which would have resulted in devastation and mass casualties. In the area of public corruption, Ms. Lynch has gained the convictions of 9 major state and federal elected officials, including the NY State Senate Majority Leader. Moreover, Ms. Lynch's prosecution of public officials underscores the independent and professional manner in which she has enforced this critical program: as the Wall Street Journal commented in November, 2014, "Few federal prosecutors have criminally charged as many senior elected Democrats as Ms. Lynch."

Ms. Lynch's current service as USA has also demonstrated her strong commitment to the even-handed enforcement of every major criminal and civil program of significance. Under her leadership, the USA has achieved record-breaking successes in prosecuting important cases in the areas of mortgage and stock fraud, money-laundering, Bank Secrecy Act, corporate fraud, anti-proliferation technology trafficking, hate crimes, civil rights, drug forfeitures, violent crime and gang enterprises and equal employment opportunity. Beyond these more traditional matters, Ms. Lynch has also spearheaded cutting-edge cybercrime prosecutions, including a \$45 million theft which targeted a global payment process. The USA under Ms. Lynch's direction has also consistently pursued cases which protect the weak and vulnerable, especially prosecutions regarding human-trafficking, crimes against children and the exploitation of alien workers.

Finally, Ms. Lynch's service on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee has provided a Department-wide overview and understanding of all the relevant policy, budgetary and enforcement issues, which will allow her to 'hit the ground running' as Attorney General.

In sum, I am certain that Ms. Lynch will be an outstanding Attorney General, of whom we will be as proud of as we are now for her double service as USA. I have spoken with several very senior FBI leaders and Agents, NYPD, Marshal and USAO officials in both the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, all of whom enthusiastically support Ms. Lynch's nomination. I have also spoken with several of my former judicial colleagues who echo this support, and note that Ms. Lynch has gained a terrific reputation for effectively, fairly and independently enforcing the law. We are all confident that Ms. Lynch will pursue justice as our Attorney General consistent with her long record of excellent public service.

I am happy to give Ms. Lynch my highest personal and professional recommendation for Attorney General and welcome the Committee's inquiry for any additional information.

Respectfully,



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