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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Nomination of Ms. Karol Virginia Mason to be the Assistant Attorney General for Justice Programs, Department of Justice**

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Minority Member Grassley:

On behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma we support the nomination for Ms. Karol Virginia Mason as the Assistant Attorney General for Justice Programs in the Department of Justice (DOJ). Ms. Mason has experience in Tribal Affairs as the former Deputy Associate Attorney General working with American Indians and Alaska Natives for several years.

In her efforts to support Tribal communities Ms. Mason along with others spearheaded the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), which has been effective in streamlining and integrating the grant application process. Ms. Mason understands the unique relationship that exists between Tribal governments and the United States and seeks to build partnerships where there are none.

We applaud this nomination and recommend that Ms. Karol's nomination receives the full approval of the Committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gregory E. Pyle, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma