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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Minority Member
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Grassley:

I am writing to endorse the nomination of Tony West to serve as Associate Attorney General of the United States. I got to know Tony West when he served in the Deputy Attorney General's office during my tenure as Deputy. Because he has also been a line prosecutor, a thoughtful and skilled private practitioner and the leader of the Civil Division. Mr. West has all of the skills and background one would want in an Associate Attorney General.

When Mr. West was an Assistant United States Attorney, he prosecuted a wide variety of cases, including sexual exploitation offenses against children, high-tech crimes, bank robberies, financial fraud schemes, economic espionage, firearms violations, tax offenses and government malfeasance. One of his most significant prosecutions involved the Orchid Club, an international, online child pornography and molestation ring involving sixteen defendants in four different countries. Tony also wrote and successfully argued the government's appellate brief in *United States v. Laney*, 189 F.3d 954 (9th Cir. 1999), a case of first impression in the Ninth Circuit that established new case law ensuring that victims of child sexual exploitation are able to recover restitution for future counseling and psychological treatment stemming from their abuse (the case also established that a defendant who trades child pornography not for money but for other pornographic images engages in distribution for "pecuniary gain" under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines).

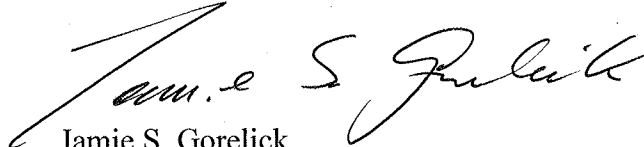
Adding to this background is Mr. West's service in the Deputy's office, as a private practitioner and, more recently, at Justice. In the Deputy's office, he worked on the Omnibus Crime Bill and he addressed the wide variety of issues that present themselves at the senior levels of the Department, from civil and criminal cases, to policy development, to relationships with other agencies of government. As a distinguished lawyer at Morrison & Foerster, Mr. West handled a wide range of cases with skill and the highest standards of professionalism. He is very well-regarded in the San Francisco bar and around the country.

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As Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, Mr. West made a priority out of fighting fraud and protecting consumers. During his tenure, the Division also led the successful defense of the Affordable Care Act. More recently, as Acting Associate Attorney General, Mr. West has added to his portfolio the effort to promote comprehensive immigration reform, effective hate-crimes prosecutions and principled antitrust enforcement efforts. All of these experiences will serve him well if he is confirmed as Associate Attorney General.

In the next several years, the person in the Associate's job will have to protect the interests of the United States and its citizens in a highly challenged environment. I have every confidence that, if confirmed, Tony West will acquit that responsibility fully and admirably.

Sincerely,



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