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Senator Patrick Leahy, Chairman
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The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) is comprised of approximately 2,500 primarily African-American law enforcement CEOs and command level officials in federal, state, county and local agencies throughout the United States and we are committed to improving the quality of law enforcement service in communities throughout this nation.

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Karol V. Mason for the position of Director of the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Throughout her tenure at DOJ, Ms. Mason has demonstrated a strong commitment to collaboration and clearly possesses the skills necessary to lead a diverse entity like DOJ.

Ms. Mason's record of achievement indicates her preparedness for the position and her unique ability to perform beyond expectations. She is not only intelligent and hard-working, but in her years at DOJ she was a difference maker and was often called upon to take on some of the more challenging assignments and to streamline processes to make them client friendly.

NOBLE believes that Ms. Mason is uniquely qualified for the position based on her experience and ability to bring non-traditional partners both civilian and governmental together to focus on positive change. She is competent and caring and the right fit for the department.

In conclusion, it is our honor to recommend Ms. Mason. We fully support her and look forward to working with her to keep our nation safe and improve our criminal justice system.

Sincerely,

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Interim Executive Director