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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Chairman Committee on the Judiciary U.S. Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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

RE: Nomination of Rachel L. Brand

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

As the founder and president of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, a national human rights organization, I write in support of the nomination of Hon. Rachel L. Brand for the position of Associate Attorney General. I base this support on long acquaintance with Ms. Brand's work, having have known Ms. Brand for two decades, since we worked together during the 1990s as attorneys at the law firm then known as Cooper, Carvin & Rosenthal.

To put it plainly, Rachel Brand is a superstar in the practice of law: extraordinarily smart, hardworking, honest, decent, and conscientious. Moreover, she is passionately committed to the rule of law and to the principle of equal justice for all Americans.

As a civil and human rights attorney, I am painfully aware of the pressing work that awaits the next Associate Attorney General. Based on my long familiarity with Ms. Brand's professionalism, character, skills, temperament, and experience, I can state without reservation that she is a superb choice for this position and will provide precisely what is needed at the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Kenneth L. Marcus