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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy Chairman Committee on Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member Committee on Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Karol V. Mason

Nominee

Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S.

Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write to strongly support the nomination of Karol V. Mason as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

I have known Karol for at least thirty years. She is simply a wonderful person – honest, hard-working, thoughtful and fair. She also possesses a very large dose of common sense which, in my experience with the Justice Department, is a huge factor in becoming a successful leader in the Department.

Karol is also a very accomplished lawyer. She had a thriving practice in Atlanta prior to joining the Department in 2009 and was a leader in both the Atlanta and Georgia bars. Again, it is my experience with the Justice Department that a successful lawyer in private practice most likely will be a successful leader in the Department.

Karol previously served as Deputy Associate Attorney General in the Department, and I know how much she enjoyed her work in the Associate Attorney General's office. Karol's work in overseeing the Office of Justice Programs, the Office on Violence Against Women, the COPS Office, Community Relations Services and the Tax Division all make her uniquely qualified to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. In fact, I can attest to the fact that she will be outstanding based on my thirty plus year experience with her.

When Karol left the Department, I personally thanked her for her service. I now thank her for offering to lead this very important function in the Department. The Office of Justice Programs could not be in better hands.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Thompson

Former Deputy Attorney General

Of the United States

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

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