

Criminology & Criminal Justice Policy Coalition



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October 20, 2009

Dear Senators Leahy and Sessions:

On behalf of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy Coalition, a partnership between the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the American Society of Criminology, we write to urge your support for the nomination of Dr. John Laub as the Director of the National Institute of Justice at the Department of Justice.

Dr. Laub is a distinguished criminologist and researcher, currently serving as a Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University. Dr. Laub's research expertise on the affects of crime and deviance over the life course, juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice, and the history of criminology, make him an exceptionally well qualified candidate to serve as the Director of NIJ.

The National Institute of Justice, located within the Office of Justice Programs, is the research, development and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, and is dedicated to researching crime control and justice issues. As the nation's primary funding source for strategic studies of crime and justice policy and practice, NIJ's research products help the field determine their priorities and agenda around issues including the nature and causes of crime, and the effectiveness of justice responses. The manner in which NIJ establishes research priorities, evaluates proposals to carry out research, and disseminates knowledge about crime and justice plays a crucial role in advancing the knowledge base for public safety.

NIJ's mission is to provide objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to assist researchers and practitioners to meet the challenges of crime and justice at the federal, state, and

local levels. As researchers, our members are deeply committed to supporting the independence and objectivity of the research performed by NIJ. To accomplish its mission, NIJ requires a director with the necessary credentials to successfully lead the nation's preeminent social science research agency, and to ensure the scientific insight and integrity of the research performed there. Dr. Laub brings a lifetime of research, experience, and commitment to public service that prepares him to succeed in this role. From 1981-1998, Dr. Laub was a professor of criminal justice at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. He has served as the President of the American Society of Criminology, is a six year member of the Committee on Law and Justice of the National Academies of Science, served for five years as an Editor of the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, and is currently an Associate Editor of *Criminology*. In addition to publishing numerous research articles in the areas of crime and the life course and criminology, he has published two award winning books.

Our organizations, the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, represent criminologists, researchers, and practitioners in the fields of criminology, prevention and treatment of crime and delinquency, and criminal justice. We believe that it is critically important to the development of the criminology and criminal justice fields – and to the effectiveness of our nation's criminal justice policy – that a proven leader with a strong research background serve as the next Director of NIJ. We believe Dr. Laub, a respected leader in our field, has the qualifications and credentials to lead NIJ. He is an excellent choice to serve as the next Director of that National Institute of Justice and we urge you to support his confirmation.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Sessions,

I write to express my strong support for the nomination of John Laub, Ph.D. to the position of Director of the National Institute of Justice, and urge you to act quickly in confirming his nomination.

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) serves several critical functions for the Department of Justice, but at the core its mission is to advance the scientific foundations for criminal justice policy and practice. As such, its Director must hold the highest professional credentials and respect. Having known Dr. Laub for many years, I know him not only to be a distinguished criminological researcher and professor but also a thoughtful person who consistently exercises sound judgment. His background makes him uniquely qualified to identify the key criminological issues needing further study and investments. He is able to design and consider complex research studies, and assure that the funded research will be discussed and disseminated. These characteristics make him an immensely qualified candidate for this position.

Dr. Laub currently serves as a Distinguished University Professor, the highest rank in the University of Maryland system. He is also a former president of the American Society of Criminology, the premier professional association for the study of crime and the criminal justice system. Dr. Laub has an impeccable record of integrity and is well respected throughout our profession.

Dr. Laub's recent research has focused on one of the most critical issues in criminology: crime over the life course. To date, his research along these lines have produced two award-winning books, *Crime in the Making: Pathways and Turning Points Through Life* (Harvard University Press, 1993) and *Shared Beginnings, Divergent Lives: Delinquent Boys to Age 70* (Harvard University Press, 2003), twenty-eight journal articles, eighteen book chapters, and more than ninety presentations. His research has spurred the development of what he calls "life-course criminology" -- the study of both continuity and change in criminal behavior over the life course. A generation of criminologists has

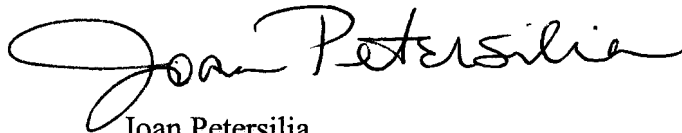
been influenced by life-course criminology, and its scientific findings continue to influence policy and practice throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Laub also possesses a breadth of knowledge and understanding of crime and criminal justice that are unique and admirable, spanning from juvenile delinquency to prison and parole release. He has become very familiar with the “what works” in criminal justice literature and, as such, will be able to make strategic investments in future criminal justice research that have large policy payoffs. He is also known for being able to take a “systemwide” approach to justice issues. He is not ideological in his approach, and is committed to prevention as well as enforcement strategies. As you know, crime issues are often contentious, and Dr. Laub is capable of seeing all sides of the most difficult problems and finding common ground. These are essential qualities if we are to control crime and improve the nation’s justice system.

President Obama has emphasized the importance of building an administration that incorporates facts and solid science. It is hard to imagine a more qualified candidate to serve as Director of the NIJ than Dr. Laub. He has the credentials, the intellectual ability, the commitment, and the professional integrity to be a director of the highest caliber.

I urge the Senate to move swiftly to confirm his nomination.

Yours sincerely,

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Joan Petersilia
Adelbert H. Sweet Professor of Law
Co-Director, Stanford Criminal Justice Center



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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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Regarding: Nomination of Dr. John Laub for Director of the National Institute of Justice

Dear Senator Leahy:

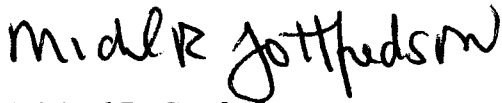
I am writing with considerable enthusiasm to endorse the nomination of John Laub for the position of Director of the National Institute of Justice. As you know, the Director is a critical position within the Justice Department, responsible for research programs and information dissemination about the causes of crime and the effectiveness and fairness of our justice system. As such it is vital that the person selected to lead this agency be a person of the highest ethical standards and a person held in the highest regard by the research community. It is critical as well that the Director have a strong vision for the role of research in helping to move our criminal justice system to ever greater effectiveness in the control of crime and to ever stronger reputation for fairness and justice. Important as well is a person capable of leading a large organization toward enhanced quality of performance. Having known and worked with Dr. Laub for thirty years, I can say with complete confidence that he possesses all of these attributes and that the country will be extraordinarily well served by his confirmation and subsequent service.

John is one of the country's most highly regarded researchers in the field of the causes and consequences of crime and delinquency. As you know, he has won virtually every award the scholarly community has to offer for scholarship. He has served as the President of the major scholarly organization in the field—The American Society of Criminology. His publications are required reading in every program around the world.

Dr. Laub's service as Director of the National Institute of Justice will bring credibility, confidence and quality to the reputation of the agency. He will bring scientific standards and judgment to its research programs and to the information provided by the agency. He will provide congress and the executive with advice of the highest order, advice that will be given on the basis of knowledge, research and the strongest standards of evidence. And, those who are fortunate enough to work with him will appreciate the experience enormously.

If I can provide any information to your or your staff, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

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Michael R. Gottfredson
Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost



October 30, 2009

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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
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Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Sessions:

It is a privilege for me to add my endorsement of President Barak Obama's nomination of John Laub for Director of the National Institute of Justice. In 1981, when John first arrived in Boston, we were brought together by a mutual friend from graduate school. We share an alma mater, the School of Criminal Justice at the State University of Albany; John achieved a doctorate and I left with a masters.

Our professional worlds are also related but different. John's career has been one of serious academics and research in criminal justice; mine has been in criminal justice operations and administration. It is from that perspective that I most appreciate his contributions to the administration of justice and welcome his leadership of the National Institute of Justice.

Since we first met some 27 years ago, I know John to undertake serious and scholarly research of key issues that benefit the administration of justice. For example, his work examining delinquents spurred the development of "life course criminology" and influences juvenile justice. His work has been recognized by his colleagues in the research community who have placed him in positions of professional leadership, such as President of the American Society of Criminology, and who have celebrated his work including presenting him the Edwin H. Sutherland Award. And his colleagues at the University of Maryland have awarded him the highest rank of Distinguished University Professor.

Beyond his professional achievements and reputation, John is a wonderful person, gracious, accessible and pragmatic. He is respected for his integrity and independence, for his openness and creativity, and for his passion for his chosen profession. He is admired for using his intellect and knowledge to listen, probe and illuminate. With your confirmation, these are the talents and skills that John will bring to the National Institute of Justice as he leads that agency and its contributions to the effective administration of justice.

In closing, I urge your confirmation of John Laub as Director of the National Institute of Justice. I welcome any opportunity to be of further assistance to your deliberations.

Sincerely,

John J. Larivee
Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Senators Leahy and Sessions:

I am writing to offer my highest support for the nomination of John H. Laub for the position of Director of the National Institute of Justice in the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. As the key research, development, and evaluation agency for crime and justice issues for the Nation, it is imperative that this agency be led by someone with the highest integrity and a deep understanding of crime and justice issues. Dr. Laub epitomizes these qualities, having established himself as both a distinguished researcher and as a well-respected leader in the study of crime and justice. He will bring great skills and dedication to this important position.

As is evident from his record, Dr. Laub's scholarly contributions have been acknowledged by the top awards from the American Society of Criminology and from other professional organizations. His service on the Committee on Law and Justice for the National Academy of Sciences is a testament to his sharp intellect and his concern that sound science be used to inform policies about preventing and responding to crime. He has also served in positions of elected leadership, demonstrating that he has the utmost respect of his colleagues across a variety of professional venues. These include positions such as President and Vice-President of the American Society of Criminology, and Editor and Editorial Board Member of the most prestigious journals in the field. Such positions require difficult and unbiased decision-making, and only someone of the highest integrity can serve in such positions and maintain the respect of their colleagues. I have known Dr. Laub for many years and can attest to his impeccable record of judgment. He will bring sound viewpoints to the National Institute of Justice and thus provide government and the public with the best evidence possible for making decisions about crime and justice policy.

I believe that the Nation would be fortunate to have Dr. Laub serve as Director of the National Institute of Justice and I very strongly urge the Senate to confirm his nomination.

Respectfully,

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Janet L. Lauritsen
Professor

JAMES Q. WILSON

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Dear Senators:

I write in support of the nomination of John Laub to be director of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ).

Laub is a distinguished criminologist who has won many awards and occupies the highest university professorship at the University of Maryland. His publications cover many fields, but especially the history of criminal careers.

The NIJ is an agency that has been at times both a leader and a laggard in helping the nation understand crime. Laub has the ability and experience to revitalize it and make it once again a powerful voice for understanding what works in criminal justice policy.

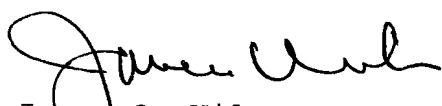
The study of criminology, like many social sciences, often involves conflict between liberal and conservative scholars. Laub, however, has spanned that gap and is admired by scholars and practitioners on both the Left and the Right. This is not because he equivocates but because his work is of such high quality that no one can deny either its value or its importance.

I was the chairman of the Committee on Law and Justice of the National Academy/National Research Council when Laub was a member. He worked very well with people of all backgrounds and perspectives and steadfastly looked for

ways whereby research could benefit practitioners in the field.

Today crime rates are lower than they were during the 1960s and 1970s. But if we are to help them stay low we must learn more about how the community, the police, prosecutors, judges, and correctional agencies should function. This is the central task of the NIJ and Laub is the best person to help it do that.

Sincerely,

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James Q. Wilson
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RE: Nomination of **John H. Laub** for Director, National Institute of Justice

Dear Senators Leahy and Sessions:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Dr. John H. Laub to be Director of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and would urge a swift confirmation. The choice of Laub is a brilliant move and his appointment will almost instantaneously increase the respect with which the institute is held. Indeed, after some troubled times at NIJ what is most needed is a visionary leader who knows the field in a deep way, commands respect, and will bring a new level of intellectual seriousness to the justice department. That Laub can do this is born out by his record. He has had a distinguished research career in the field of criminology and criminal justice spanning almost 30 years and has received numerous awards and honors for his contributions to research, scholarly work, and teaching, including the Edwin H. Sutherland Award (established in 1960) by the American Society of Criminology. He is a former president of that society and a Fellow. He is currently Distinguished University Professor, the highest rank in the University of Maryland system.

I should disclose that I have written extensively with Dr. Laub. As such it is not my place to comment on this part of his scholarship. I can, however, attest personally to his rigorous standards, unimpeachable integrity, commitment to science, and passion for promoting sound policy. Quite simply, I can think of no one better qualified to serve as the Director of the National Institute of Justice. Please let me know if there is anything more I can do to help with your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Sampson, Chairman &
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Sessions:

It gives me great pleasure to submit a letter on behalf of John H. Laub supporting his nomination to become Director of the National Institute of Justice. I have had the opportunity to work in correctional systems in New Jersey, Georgia, and now my home state, Ohio. I completed my graduate work in Sociology at Rutgers University in 1981, and shortly thereafter, began a career path that has since given me the opportunity to work in administrative positions in adult and juvenile corrections, probation, and parole. I serve presently as the Deputy Director of the Office of Policy and Offender Reentry for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. I also teach part-time in the Sociology Department at Ohio State University. Regardless of the setting (academic or applied), I have drawn from the rich substance of Dr. Laub's seminal and ever-expanding contributions to the literature for over two decades. As his career superbly demonstrates, John brings a unique capacity to work with the research community, and policymakers alike.

John's academic and research credentials are sterling. He has always displayed a renaissance-like command of the substantive and policy issues that are implicated in the administration of the juvenile and criminal justice systems. He has written and continues to publish in a wide variety of forums. His work has always been at the cutting edge of scholarship in the field contributing rich and lasting insights into desistance theory, life-course criminology, and the myriad factors associated with continuity and change in criminal behavior across time. Among his many impressive works, I consider two of his monographs enduring classics in the field of criminology: *Crime in the Making: Pathways and Turning Points Through Life*; and *Shared Beginnings, Divergent Lives: Delinquent Boys to Age 70*.

John is one of the nation's preeminent criminologists. He values deeply the importance of research, and the need for science to inform policy on criminal justice, crime and punishment. The breadth and analytic rigor of his writings are universally well-regarded. He has always demonstrated an impressive capacity to understand and convey depth and the "big-picture" in his work, whether clearly interpreting findings, or discussing the public policy implications of the results. I have been in several forums with John, and have observed his marvelous ability to invite new ideas, as well as to bridge and respond to opposing points of view.

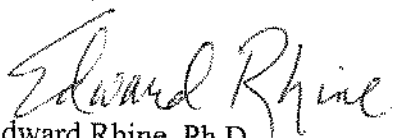
John has been an active and influential presence at the national level for many years both as a catalyst for change, and in holding leadership positions in numerous professional associations. He was one of the co-authors of a path-breaking report issued by the National Research Council entitled *Parole, Desistance from Crime, and Community Integration*. He is a past president and vice-president of the American Society of Criminology, a fellow of the Society, and a recipient of its prestigious Edwin H. Sutherland Award. The two publications mentioned earlier have been widely acclaimed and honored by the Society, as well as by the American Sociological Association, and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

The reach of Dr. Laub's scholarship is vast and inspiring. His willingness to translate research knowledge so that it benefits policymakers and practitioners across the many components and agencies of corrections has been truly remarkable. Even more, he has displayed steadfast support for the conduct of social science research and its relevance to justice system reforms that contribute to public safety and the quality of life in communities across the land.

The comments above affirm John's outstanding professional and research credentials as a recognized leader within academia, and across the policy arena of criminal justice. On a personal note, I know John as a colleague and friend, and thus want to close by sharing several remarks about his character. John is a compassionate and personable individual. His ethical integrity is beyond reproach. He brings an attractive blend of humility, warmth, and a caring attitude in his interactions with others. He has always viewed his work as a "calling," and a commitment that allows him to give back to his profession and community. John possesses a rare and energizing combination of intelligence, purpose, and generosity in all that he does.

It is my distinct honor to support the nomination of Dr. John Laub to become the next Director of the National Institute of Justice. I can think of no one more qualified for this position.

Sincerely,

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Edward Rhine, Ph.D.
Deputy Director



November 11, 2009

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Re: Nomination of Dr. John Laub for Director of the National Institute of Justice

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Sessions:

It is an honor to write this letter of recommendation for John Laub for the position of Director of the National Institute of Justice. I have spent over 26 years of my professional career in crime victim services and criminal justice in various capacities for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, currently serving as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance. I have a deep understanding and great respect for the role of NIJ and, as such, have the utmost confidence in Dr. Laub's ability to both lead the agency and to take it to an even greater level of excellence.

The first 18 years of my career was spent working directly in the criminal justice system developing and implementing prosecutor-based victim services. I credit much of the direction of my career, and the contributions I have been privileged to make over the years, to the extraordinary academic training and mentoring I received from my Northeastern University graduate school professor, John Laub. Professor Laub was, by far, the finest and most challenging and stimulating teacher in my academic career. His academic standards and intellectual rigor were of the highest quality and integrity and they set the standards to which I continue to hold myself and all those whom I have supervised and taught over the years. In addition to studying under his exceptional tutelage, I was fortunate to work with him in the years since during my tenure with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in MA and as I assumed an adjunct teaching position at Northeastern University. I have followed his career since he moved to Maryland and have continued to be awed by the scholarly achievements he has amassed.

While I am a practitioner in my career, not a researcher, I highly value the knowledge, expertise and caliber which exemplify John Laub's work over the years. He stands out in his field because he recognizes that research, policy and

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practice are inextricably linked and he has a remarkable ability to communicate effectively across professional disciplines and sectors. For all of these reasons, I have the utmost confidence in John Laub's ability to assume the leadership role at NIJ; there is no finer person and professional in the field of criminal justice, and his ability to lead and innovate are second to none.

I applaud President Obama's nomination of Dr. John Laub to be the Director of NIJ and urge the Senate to swiftly and resoundingly confirm his nomination.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,



Janet E. Fine
Executive Director

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Dear Senator Leahy,

I write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Dr. John Laub to be Director of the National Institute of Justice and I urge his prompt confirmation.

The primary mission of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is to advance the scientific foundations for criminal justice policy and practice. For the credibility of NIJ, the Director must have extraordinary professional credentials and the respect of the research community. I have known Dr. Laub for more than two decades and can attest to his intellect, scholarship, and personal and professional integrity.

Dr. Laub is one of the premier scholars of the causes and consequences of crime and delinquency in the world. He is former President of the American Society of Criminology – the leading scholarly organization in the field. He has received every professional reward that the organization can give. Two of his path-breaking books on crime over the life course – *Crime in the Making: Pathways and Turning Points Through Life* (Harvard University Press 1993) and *Shared Beginnings, Divergent Lives: Delinquent Boys to Age 70* (Harvard University Press 2003) – have received multiple outstanding book awards and spurred development of “life-course criminology” which examines continuity and change in crime over the life-course. His scholarship is required reading in criminology and justice programs around the world.

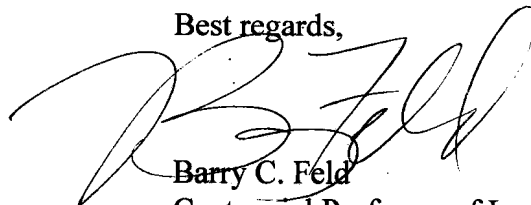
Dr. Laub has broad experience and understanding of many facets of crime and criminal justice – from juvenile delinquency to prison and parole release. He understands criminal justice policy and the inter-relationship among different components of the systems. He is non-ideological and brings tremendous professional integrity to his research and writing.

Crime policy debates have become heavily politicized over the past several decades. Dr. Laub appreciates the complexity of crime policy and can understand many sides to the issues. He also understands that policy makers need reliable facts on which to base changes in law enforcement and justice administration. He will bring the highest scientific standards to the NIJ research program and he will provide the most complete and reliable information to Congress and the Executive as it grapples with criminal and juvenile justice policy questions.

When I learned of Dr. Laub's nomination to be Director of NIJ, my immediate reaction was "science is back." For the contentious issues of criminal justice policy, we need the most reliable facts and evidence generated by solid science. Dr. Laub is superbly qualified to lead that endeavor and to present the evidence dispassionately. He has the professional credentials, the intellectual ability, the professional integrity, and the inter-personal skills to be an outstanding Director of NIJ.

If I can provide you or your staff with any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

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Barry C. Feld

Centennial Professor of Law