



THE ALLIANCE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Black Elected Officials

February 23, 2015

The Honorable Charles Grassley Chairman,
Committee on the Judiciary United State Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Loretta Lynch as United States Attorney General

Dear Chairman Grassley:

On behalf of over 700 black elected officials that comprise the Alliance of North Carolina Black Elected Officials, I am pleased to convey our support of the Honorable Loretta E. Lynch for U.S. Attorney General. As elected leaders from across the state, we are elated about the selection and pending nomination of Loretta Lynch, a North Carolina native and distinguished legal professional with impeccable credentials and qualifications.

In keeping with this nation's enduring legacy of exceptional public service and equal opportunities, Loretta would be the first African-American woman to hold the office entrusted to guide the world's central agency for enforcement of federal laws. She has achieved a blazing trail of history-making accomplishments during her stellar legal career. Since completing the prestigious Harvard Law School in 1984, Loretta has served in both the public and private sectors with distinction and dedication. In addition, she has an exceptional record of prosecuting major cases, while heading the U.S. Attorney's office twice. Knowing her strong foundation and capabilities, we are confident that her role of U.S. Attorney General will serve as strong example of her unwavering commitment to protect the rights of all citizens and serve as a model of judiciary excellence.

While our support carries major historical significance, we also honor her pending nomination as the nation's top legal public servant because she is immensely qualified. We know, for example, that Loretta was a high achieving, and well-rounded student in North Carolina public schools who benefitted from the power of education beyond the classroom. Nurtured by a supportive family, her first impressions regarding the necessity of justice in our world came while observing her father, Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Lynch, in his years as a noble civil rights leader and faith leader.

In summary, there is no question that Loretta Lynch is imminently prepared to serve as U.S. Attorney General. As a proud North Carolina native, she is a skilled, successful and independent minded prosecutor who is well qualified to serve as U.S. Attorney General. We sincerely and gratefully urge your support and nomination of Loretta E. Lynch as the next Attorney General of the United States.

Sincerely,

Richard Hooker, Jr.
Chair, Alliance of NC Black Elected Officials