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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Building
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

I am Senior Deputy General Counsel and Chief of Litigation at UnitedHealth Group Incorporated ("UnitedHealth"). I write in reference to the nomination of Loretta Lynch to be Attorney General of the United States. I worked closely with Ms. Lynch in 2008-2009 when, as a partner at Hogan & Hartson, LLP., she represented UnitedHealth in a large and complex piece of antitrust litigation.

UnitedHealth prevailed in that matter, both in the Federal District Court and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, in large part due to Ms. Lynch's leadership and effective advocacy, and I cannot speak more highly about her skills as an attorney. From the outset of the case, Ms. Lynch emerged as a decisive leader, displaying impeccable judgment and instincts. She is a quick study, and demonstrated not only a strong command of the law but a practical understanding of complex organizations and business transactions. Ms. Lynch is personable and thoughtful, and developed a valuable rapport with her clients and adversaries alike. I particularly recall her calm and steadying influence during stressful and challenging times. Had Ms. Lynch remained in private practice, I would not have hesitated to retain her in future matters.

In sum, I believe Ms. Lynch has outstanding legal skills, judgment and character.

Yours truly,



Peter H. Walsh