

December 9, 2014

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
433 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Loretta E. Lynch

Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

We are former Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York ("EDNY") and were division heads, chiefs, and deputy chiefs during our respective tenures there. We write in strong support of the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch to be the next Attorney General of the United States.

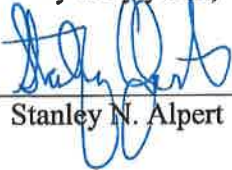
Most of us have had the honor of working with Loretta in the EDNY, some of us as her colleagues and some of us as her staff, during her two tenures in our former office. Many of us have known her for decades, since the beginning of her federal government career in 1990. From our first-hand experience working as federal prosecutors within the Department of Justice, we fully appreciate the vital role that the Attorney General plays in shaping federal prosecutorial policies and priorities in a wide range of critical issues facing our country, including the investigation and prosecution of terrorism, white collar crime, the fight against cybercrime, civil rights, the protection of our children from online predators, and the development of close working relationships with law enforcement agencies around the world. In each of these areas, and many more too numerous to name, Loretta has excelled in every way. We are confident that, as Attorney General, she will lead the Department of Justice in the same successful way. Loretta herself prosecuted many cases of critical importance during her tenure as a line assistant, and, once she assumed leadership of the office, encouraged her assistants to do the same. In recent years, Loretta has overseen cases involving alleged political corruption, terrorism, institutional money laundering by a foreign-based bank, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. In each case she acted with only the fairness of the judicial system and the protection of the integrity of the rule of law as her goals.

In our collective opinion, Loretta Lynch will prove to be an outstanding leader of the Department of Justice. During her tenure in the EDNY, and between her two appointments as U.S. Attorney while a partner at Hogan & Hartson, we have come to appreciate the skilled negotiator, trial lawyer, and consummate professional that Loretta is. Her judgment is impeccable, her concern

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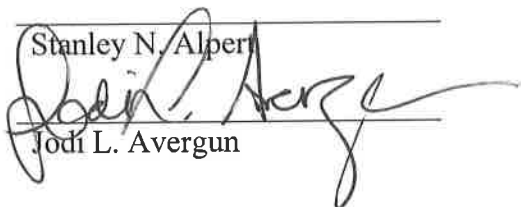
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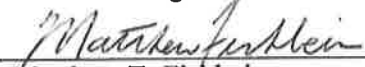
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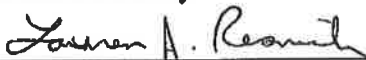
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