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Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Harry Reid Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Leaders:

I write this letter to express support for the nomination of Loretta Lynch to become the Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice. As the Attorney General for the State of New York, I am confident that Ms. Lynch will provide the strong leadership necessary to fully enforce the law and defend the rights of Americans living in my state and across the nation.

During her tenure as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Ms. Lynch has developed a long record of achievements, and she enjoys a reputation for fairly and evenhandedly enforcing the law. She demonstrates extraordinary character, sound judgment and clear commitment to the principle of equal justice under law. Moreover, the breadth and range of her experience handling some of our nation's most challenging federal law enforcement matters, her commitment to public service and strong management skills, make her well-suited to serve in this position.

Our nation requires a capable and effective advocate like Loretta Lynch to head its chief law enforcement agency. For these reasons, I urge the Senate to confirm Ms. Lynch to serve as the Attorney General for the United States.

Sincerely,

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