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

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

Re: Bipartisan Endorsement of Jim Comey to be FBI Director from Former Senior Department of Justice Officials

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are friends, admirers, and former Justice Department colleagues of Jim Comey, and we write in strong bipartisan support of his nomination to be the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All of us have held, at one time or another, senior positions within the Justice Department, giving us both a perspective on what Jim's prior positions have demanded of him and how Jim's experience and personal qualities have prepared him to be the Director.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation fulfills an important role in our society, ensuring our safety and preserving our liberty. It is also a remarkably complex organization – its men and women serve around the globe and around the clock, in extraordinarily important and difficult assignments. In turn, we know, from our own experience, what it takes to lead the FBI – integrity, intelligence, independence, dedication, vision, compassion, judgment, and a steadfast adherence to the rule of law.

Jim Comey possesses all of these traits. He has, for instance, the judgment that comes from experience and from having faced difficult decisions. He has integrity and independence born of his innate sense of what is required of senior public servants. He is smart and compassionate. He never expects more of anybody else than he expects of himself.

We know he will be a strong and effective leader and that our country would be well-served to see him confirmed.

Respectfully,

Mark Filip
Former Deputy Attorney General
2008-2009

Alice Fisher
Former Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
2005-2008

Paul McNulty
Former Deputy Attorney General
2006-2007