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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Rachel L. Brand

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

The National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC), representing more than 50,000 law enforcement officers across America, commends the nomination of Rachel Brand to be Associate Attorney General of the United States. We will urge the Senate to promptly consider and confirm the nomination.

Ms. Brand has been a true advocate for the law enforcement mission, and has been a leader on drug and terrorism issues in her previous positions within the Department of Justice and in previous Administrations. While serving as chief policy advisor to the Attorney General and overseeing the Department of Justice's major policy initiatives, Ms. Brand worked extensively on national security issues, including the drafting and implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act reauthorization legislation, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, and the Attorney General's guidelines for national security investigations. Keeping our nation safe has been a cornerstone of her career, and we believe her expertise will be important as our nation continues to face major threats from terrorist threats, domestic radicalization, and the flood of drugs coming across our borders.

Throughout her career, she has been a true ally to law enforcement during the dark days of the meth epidemic, and has partnered with us in our pursuit of both meth and internet pharmacy legislation. As narcotic officers, we have witnessed firsthand the scourge of drugs and addiction within our communities, and believe that Ms. Brand would be a valued asset to the Department and their efforts to combat the current epidemic. We are hopeful that with the right individuals in place, like Ms. Brand, and key partnerships with state and local agencies and organizations, we will be able to turn the tide on the ailments of some of our communities, and ensure that citizens do not have to live in fear from violence and drugs.

During the course of her service to our nation, Ms. Brand has shown her commitment to securing our nation from threats, ridding our streets of drugs and violence, and protecting our rights and values that we all share. We support Ms. Brand's nomination and ask that the Senate to promptly confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,

Bob Bushman  
President, National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition