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

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein,

I am writing on behalf of the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC), representing more than 50,000 law enforcement officers across America, in support of President Trump's nomination of William Barr to be Attorney General.

Mr. Barr is very well qualified to lead the Department of Justice and is committed to the law enforcement mission of that department. In particular, agencies like the DEA, FBI, ATF, and Marshals Service play a critical role in working alongside NNOAC's members around the country on a daily basis in support of drug law enforcement. The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office are essential partners in providing grant funding like the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, anti-meth and anti-heroin task force funding support, and support for the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) program.

More than 70,000 Americans died last year as a result of drug overdoses. Those of us doing the difficult job of investigating drug distribution at the street level answer calls every day from friends, parents, and neighbors desperate to keep drugs away from their loved ones. Mr. Barr served as Attorney General in the early 1990s when drug overdoses and drug violence spiked. We recall that he was a good partner to state and local law enforcement officers, agents, and deputies on the front lines trying to save peoples' lives and address the threats from transnational organized crime groups.

We are confident that William Barr will be a good partner to the thousands of drug law enforcement officers working to keep innocent Americans safe. Because we know his strong record, we believe that Mr. Barr will make an excellent Attorney General and encourage his confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Bob Bushman
President
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition