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The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Debo P. Adegbile

Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley:

I understand that Debo P. Adegbile has been nominated for the position of Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination.

During the years that Mr. Adegbile was at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, I had periodic contact with him. I recall in particular that I participated together with him in a "moot court" presentation of a lawyer for an argument in the U.S. Supreme Court. I was very impressed by Mr. Adegbile's command of the law in the area, the piercing questions he asked during the moot court, and the sophistication of his analysis in the post-argument debriefing with the lawyer.

Based on what I know of Mr. Adegbile's credentials and what I have seen of his outstanding lawyering abilities, I believe that he is an excellent choice for the position.

Sincerely,

Randy Hertz
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