



February 25, 2025

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Aaron Reitz, Nominee to Serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy

Dear U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary,

On behalf of Village in the Valley (VIVA), a nonpartisan and apolitical organization dedicated to promoting unity and celebrating cultural diversity in the Rio Grande Valley, we write in support of Aaron Reitz.

In October 2024, under Aaron's leadership as Chief of Staff for Senator Ted Cruz, our organization was approached to establish a collaborative relationship. This engagement marked a pivotal moment for VIVA, as it highlighted our mission in a predominantly Hispanic region and brought our work to the forefront of meaningful conversations. Such outreach would not have been possible without Aaron's commitment to fostering relationships that transcend backgrounds and create opportunities for mutual growth and understanding.

Aaron's actions are a testament to his character and vision, prioritizing the value of partnerships and the shared prosperity of all Texans. His leadership ensured that VIVA's voice was acknowledged, and our efforts supported—an outcome rooted in his dedication to building bridges among all people.

VIVA firmly supports Aaron Reitz as a nominee for Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy. His track record of thoughtful leadership and his ability to connect with organizations like ours give us great confidence in his capacity to serve the nation with distinction.

Respectfully,

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