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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
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224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
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Re: Support for Nomination of Karol V. Mason as Assistant Attorney
General for Justice Programs, Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to respectfully express my strong support for the confirmation of my colleague Karol V. Mason to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs in the United States Department of Justice. I recommend Ms. Mason because of her demonstrated ability as a lawyer and her outstanding record of public service.

I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Mason during her time at Alston & Bird LLP, both before and after her tenure as Deputy Associate Attorney General at the Department. In that position, she oversaw all of the Department's grant components and demonstrated an ability to create collaborations across the Department and the Administration. Her work with the COPS office and the initiatives she developed with the U.S. Attorneys' Offices will give her a foundation to help build relationships with the larger law enforcement community.

Since returning to Alston & Bird LLP, Ms. Mason has served as a partner on the same floor as me here in our Washington, D.C. office. She is a leader of the firm, having served on the firm's management committee, and has been an invaluable member of the firm's Real Estate Finance & Investment Group. Ms. Mason is an outstanding lawyer

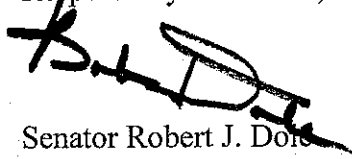
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that always provides the utmost in client service. While her clients and colleagues will miss having her here at the firm, we know that it is in the Nation's best interest that Ms. Mason return to public service.

I can without hesitation testify that Ms. Mason possesses the necessary character, experience, and ability to serve effectively as Assistant Attorney General. I recommend her for this position without reservation, and I ask that you move forward with her prompt confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Dole", written over the printed name.

Senator Robert J. Dole

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