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The Honorable Patrick Leahy Chairman Committee on the Judiciary U.S. Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Charles Grassley Ranking Minority Member Committee on the Judiciary U.S. Senate 152 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Ms. Karol Virginia Mason as Assistant Attorney General, Justice Programs

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Minority Member Grassley:

The Lummi Indian Nation appliands the nomination of Ms. Karol Virginia Mason as the new Assistant Attorney General for Justice Programs in the Department of Justice (DOJ). We were fortunate to work with Ms. Mason when she was the Deputy Associate General and we would welcome the opportunity to do so again. She understands the unique relationship that exists between Tribal governments and the United States and seeks to build partnerships where there are none.

We recommend unequivocally that the Senate Judiciary Committee advances this nomination post haste. The experience and knowledge of Ms. Mason would be an asset to the cadre of Assistant Attorneys General at the Department of Justice.

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Sincerely.

Timothy Ballew, II

Chairman