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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to support confirmation of Eric Dreiband as the Assistant Attorney General to head the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

Eric and I got acquainted as law school classmates at Northwestern University School of Law in 1989. Eric's background as a varsity athlete who gave up professional football aspirations to attend Harvard Divinity School followed by law school made him a unique and interesting classmate to get to know. As I got to know Eric, I learned that he had important and varying life experiences in his upbringing that fostered a unique level of compassion and concern for the dignity and rights of others that stood out amongst our classmates. Not surprisingly, Eric excelled at Northwestern which set the stage for a strong trajectory in his legal career with important stops in government service along the way. I know that Eric is particularly proud of his service and accomplishments at the EEOC where he led efforts to enforce important rights that touched on many of the same priorities he will be charged with furthering in this role.

However, as many others will attest, Eric is much more than the sum of his resume points but a person of uncommon integrity and character with a devotion to duty (whether that be in the service of government or the private sector) that is unmatched by any person I have known. Eric's devotion to vigorous law enforcement should not be underestimated by the members of your distinguished committee, the public he serves or even by the administration that seeks to employ him.

I am happy to answer any other questions about Eric and hope that he gains favorable consideration.



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