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

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Sally Q. Yates

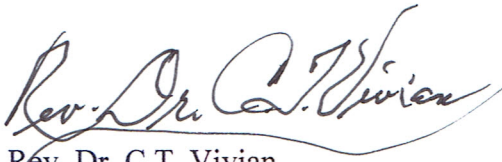
Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Attorney Yates for many years as a member of the Atlanta Metropolitan community. She has proven herself through the course of our relationship to be a top-notch attorney, a brilliant and thoughtful legal mind, and a person with an eye towards the fair application of justice. It is my opinion that she will continue to bring all of these traits to the Department of Justice and for this reason I strongly recommend she be swiftly confirmed as the next Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

Sally was previously nominated by President Obama to serve as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, a position for which she was confirmed in 2010. In doing so, she became the first woman to serve as United States Attorney in the Northern District. As the head of this district she took charge of prosecuting all federal crimes and the litigation of the government's civil matters in the district of over 6 million residents. Her staff numbered approximately 95 lawyers as well as 80 support personnel who all looked to her stalwart leadership for guidance direction. I am confident she would bring this same sense of purpose, guidance and direction to Washington, as the Deputy Attorney General.

Ms. Yates has also spent the majority of her professional career in public service and has over 20 years of prosecutorial experience in the U.S. Attorney's office. She has previously served as the First Assistant United States Attorney and also as the Chief of the Fraud and Public Corruption Section where she supervised the prosecution of all white collar cases. She is a highly qualified and experienced trial lawyer with experience in complex matters including public corruption cases, cybercrime, and domestic terrorism including the prosecution of the Olympic bomber Eric Rudolph. Prior to her work as an AUSA she practiced at the law firm of King & Spalding, where she worked in commercial litigation. The depth and breadth of her experience make her an ideal candidate for the Deputy Attorney General position and I am happy to offer my recommendation in her support.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the text.

Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian