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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Building
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Re: Nomination of Sally Quillian Yates as Deputy Attorney General

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

I write today to endorse Sally Quillian Yates to serve as Deputy Attorney General, and to urge your favorable consideration of her nomination. I have known Ms. Yates during her long and distinguished tenure in the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, both as a career prosecutor and, more recently, as the United States Attorney. Ms. Yates has wide-ranging experience and has exhibited the best traits of a government prosecutor, particularly one who specializes in public corruption cases. She has pursued the latter cases without regard to favor or politics. She is motivated by the search for justice, regardless of the politics of those who abuse their public trust and violate the law. For example, she successfully prosecuted a former Democratic mayor of Atlanta and a former Republican State School Superintendent. Throughout her career as a prosecutor, she has been an outstanding public official.

As Attorney General of Georgia, my office has worked hand in hand with Ms. Yates and the U.S. Attorney's Office on a number of important issues. Whether on matters of public safety – such as fighting the scourge of human trafficking or the abuse of prescription drugs – or investigating and prosecuting cases of public corruption or Medicaid fraud, Ms. Yates has been an active and concerned partner whose assistance and dedication has strengthened the state and federal relationship critical to protecting our citizens. I am very proud of the work we have done

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together, and value her willingness to ignore political differences in favor of producing beneficial results.

In closing, I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Ms. Yates as our next Deputy Attorney General. I sincerely hope that she will receive your unqualified support as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Olens', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Samuel S. Olens
Attorney General

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