

January 31, 2014

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4502

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Leslie Caldwell, Nominee for Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are former Federal Bureau of Investigation colleagues of Leslie Caldwell and write to you in support of her nomination to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. We have worked with Ms. Caldwell both as executives and investigators in the investigation and prosecution of some of the country's most complex and significant criminal investigations.

As a prosecutor in the Eastern District of New York and the Northern District of California she built a reputation for her prosecution of a range of cases from single defendants, to organized crime groups, as well as the most sophisticated and complex white collar crimes. She possesses a keen legal ability, tempered with the necessary prosecutorial discretion to only hold accountable those who have betrayed our society. She is a person of integrity and solid judgment, sensitive to the ordeals of victims and effective at balancing effective prosecution with the needs of the community.

In 2002, when she was selected to lead the Enron Task Force, Ms. Caldwell created a collaborative environment, building a national multi-agency effort, that resulted in more than 30 criminal prosecutions of individuals. For her leadership, legal acumen and skill, she was recognized with the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service, the Justice Department's most prestigious accolade for excellence in investigation.

As a distinguished prosecutor, Ms. Caldwell successfully worked in partnership with federal, state and local law enforcement as well as many federal and state regulatory agencies individually and through multi-agency task forces. Ms. Caldwell understands the important contributions of these agencies in investigations and successful prosecutions which will be a key element in leading the men and women of the Criminal Division.

Ms. Caldwell uses a grounded approach in decision-making and policy and will be a strong and decisive leader for the Criminal Division. We thank you for allowing us to provide you this perspective from law enforcement regarding Ms. Caldwell's nomination. We believe Ms. Caldwell's lengthy experience as a prosecutor, coupled with her recent private sector practice; provide her the skills and experience to lead the Criminal Division.

The nation and law enforcement community will be well-served by her confirmation and service to the country.

Respectfully,

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James H. Burrus, Jr., former Assistant Director, Criminal Division

Joseph L. Ford, former Associate Deputy Director and former Inspector in Charge, Enron Task Force

Bruce J. Gebhardt, former Deputy Director