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Via Fax and Electronically

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are all former employees of the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) of the Department of Justice who are proud of our service and contributions to that important organization. We are each especially proud and privileged to have either served with, and under the outstanding leadership of, John Cruden or (for those of us who completed their service to ENRD prior to John's arrival) to have gotten to know and respect John from his outstanding accomplishments and impeccable reputation. Each of us enthusiastically supports John's confirmation to be the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice. John's confirmation would recognize the extraordinary accomplishments and skills of one of the truly great public servants of our time, would be eagerly welcomed by the hundreds of hard working career employees in ENRD who uniformly share our respect and admiration for John, and would strongly advance ENRD's important mission, including the fair and effective enforcement of our nation's environmental laws and the vigorous protection of our natural resources.

As you know, before joining the Department of Justice, John had a long and exemplary military career, as a West Point graduate, a distinguished officer in Special Forces and other units in Germany and Vietnam, and, after graduating from law school, serving the Army in a number of leadership roles, culminating with his being named Chief Legislative Counsel of the Army. None of us knew John during this period of his public service, but we all came to admire and respect him when John was selected to be the Chief of the Environmental Enforcement Section (EES), the largest Section within ENRD, in 1991. Many of us served in EES while John was its Chief or later when he was promoted to Deputy Assistant Attorney General, with supervisory responsibility for EES. Among us, some served in attorney positions and others in administrative ones; some served in management positions and others in operational ones. But whatever our position and assignments, John valued and supported the work and contributions of every one of us. And even more importantly, he worked tirelessly to get to know each of us personally, and to support us in whatever way he could. As a result, we each consider John to be a friend and a mentor.

John is also an outstanding leader and manager, who brought his decades of wide ranging experience, and his great skills and wisdom, to his management of EES and ENRD. He quickly studied and mastered substantive environmental law (in which he is now recognized as a leading national expert), and he learned and then led the mission and day to day functioning of EES and ENRD in enforcing the environmental laws and doing so in close and effective coordination with the Section's partners, including client agencies (like EPA, DOI and DOD), other components of DOJ (like the 94 U.S. Attorney's offices) and state enforcement officials (who are responsible for most environmental enforcement in the United States). John was also very effective in working with ENRD political leadership from both parties. Equally importantly, John established constructive relationships with the leaders of the private environmental bar (of which some of us are now members) who always knew that John would give them a fair audience on important enforcement and policy issues impacting U.S. industry, even as John remained focused on the Section's mission of protecting the environment through enforcing the law.

Some of us worked in other Sections within ENRD and got to work closely with John when he assumed the position of Deputy Assistant Attorney General, which he held from 1995 to 2011. He demonstrated to each of us as well the same skills, judgment and caring for which he had already become well known in ENRD during his tenure as Chief of EES. Others of us served in ENRD before John arrived but have maintained our respect and interest in ENRD's important work, and have, in a variety of contexts, gotten to know John well and have come to admire his unique leadership style and his absolute credibility.

The great respect in which John held across the spectrum of the legal community (both the public and private bar, and across political lines) is evidenced, among other things, by his having been the first government official to serve as the elected President of the District of Columbia Bar, by his selection as Chair of the American Bar Association Section on the Environment, Energy and Resources, and by his tremendous accomplishments the past two years while serving as the President of the Environmental Law Institute.

In short, there is not a better person in the United States to serve as Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division. We each recommend John to you with great enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

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