

January 21, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

Re: Letter in Support of Vanita Gupta, nominee for the United States Associate Attorney General

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing in strong support of Vanita Gupta's nomination as Associate Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice.

I served two-term as the Secretary of State of Commonwealth of Kentucky. During my time in office, my colleagues asked me to serve as President of the National Association of Secretaries of State and Chair of the Republican Association of Secretaries of State. To this day, I continue my work to improve our nation's elections, including assisting several national groups and organizations and serving on President Obama's bipartisan Presidential Commission on Election Administration.

It is in this volunteer capacity that I came to know Ms. Gupta. For the past two years, the two of us worked together on The National Task Force on Election Crises, which was a cross-partisan group

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of over 50 experts in election law, election administration, national security, cybersecurity, voting rights, civil rights, technology, media, public health, and emergency response. One of the reasons I was so drawn to the task force and its mission was because of the fundamental premise that free and fair elections is core to our democracy. And in fact, it is an American value and not a partisan one.

Working with Ms. Gupta on the Task Force was an honor. She and I participated in webinars together, and she was a detailed professional who was both impressive and extraordinarily easy to work with. I found her to be balanced, measured, and fair-minded. When I learned that the President nominated her to become the Associate Attorney General at the Justice Department, I was very pleased, knowing that someone with Ms. Gupta's character would be in the senior leadership ranks at the Department. I believe members of the Senate -- many of whom I also personally know and deeply respect -- should similarly be pleased with the President's nomination of Ms. Gupta.

I urge the Judiciary Committee and the Senate to swiftly process Ms. Gupta's nomination through her final confirmation. She has this Republican's full and enthusiastic support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trey Grayson', with a stylized 'T' and 'G'.

Trey Grayson