



February 21, 2021

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

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

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, and Ranking Member Grassley:

Please allow this letter to act a formal endorsement of Ms. Vanita Gupta as the next Associate Attorney General of the Department of Justice from the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives.

NAWLEE is pleased to support President Biden's nomination of Vanita Gupta as Associate Attorney General. As the chief civil rights prosecutor for the United States, Ms. Gupta was responsible for ensuring that efforts to enforce criminal and civil violations were conducted in a manner that ensured equal justice.

Work under the reins of Ms. Gupta including advancing constitutional policing and criminal justice reform, prosecuting hate crimes and human trafficking, promoting disability rights, and protecting the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals are important to NAWLEE as each area directly supports the law enforcement profession.

Other areas of focus for Ms. Gupta such as ensuring voting rights for all and combating discrimination in education, housing, employment, lending, and religious exercise are all areas which impact overall community equality.

NAWLEE believes that the appointment of Ms. Gupta will do much to ensure justice for all members of our communities.

Respectfully,

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