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May 16, 2013

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

The California Police Chiefs Association writes to express its strong support for the nomination of Tony West to the position of Associate Attorney General of the United States.

Our association is comprised of 1,500 active and retired municipal California Police Chiefs, as well as our associate members who serve in the position of "Seconds in Command." In California, municipal police chiefs are responsible for leading 330 police departments statewide and for providing front line law enforcement services to nearly 29 million residents. It is a responsibility we take great pride in every day.

We believe that Mr. West will be a committed advocate for public safety as Associate Attorney General of the United States. As a federal prosecutor, he tried serious criminal cases working hand-in-hand with local police officers and federal agents. He also served as a Special Assistant Attorney General in California, advising the state Attorney General on crime policy and working with many of our members on police training and law enforcement issues. As California's police chiefs, we maintain strong relationships with our federal law enforcement partners, including the Justice Department, and we believe that his confirmation will serve to further those important partnerships at the federal, state and local level.

We also note that our association urged Mr. West's confirmation as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, a position in which he has served with distinction. As Civil Division chief, he prioritized fraud prosecutions and held companies accountable for knowingly manufacturing and selling defective bulletproof vests. In addition, in his current position as Acting Associate Attorney General, he continues to prioritize issues impacting public safety and law enforcement, including his work to increase the safety and well-being of our nation's sworn peace officers.

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Mr. West is many things—an excellent attorney, a gifted manager and a committed career prosecutor. He has an impeccable reputation for integrity and has earned respect from all those who work with him. We believe that he will continue to serve his country with distinction in this new position. Accordingly, we respectfully request the Senate to confirm Mr. West promptly to serve as the Associate Attorney General of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim J. Raney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Kim J. Raney

President