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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
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Tony West to the position of Associate Attorney General of the United States. I currently serve as the Chief of Police of the Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Department, a position I have held since 2002, and am the Immediate Past President of the California Police Chiefs Association, which represents 1,400 current and former municipal chiefs in California. Before my current post, I served as Captain in the San Jose Police Department from 1975 to 2002, where I first came to know and work with Tony, when he served as a federal prosecutor in the Northern District of California.

Through our work together, I came to know Tony as a person of the highest integrity, an excellent trial attorney, and someone who earned the trust and respect of all that he worked with. He is truly committed to justice and is unafraid to do what is right. He is simply one of the finest public servants I have had the privilege of working with.

His record at the Justice Department is further evidence of his commitment to public safety. As Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, he cracked down on fraud against the government, holding companies accountable for knowingly manufacturing and selling defective bulletproof vests. He has led significant nationwide enforcement efforts against white collar crimes, and, as Acting Associate Attorney General, he has worked to improve the safety and wellness of our nation’s sworn peace officers. I am particularly grateful to Tony for his role in assisting with the D Block frequency acquisition, which is going to dramatically improve public safety communications throughout the nation. Tony currently serves on the FirstNet Board and supports the interest of public safety in that role.
In short, Tony's career has been defined in no small measure by a longstanding, deep commitment to justice. I believe Mr. West to be very well-qualified to serve as the Associate Attorney General, and it is my hope that the Senate will confirm Mr. West promptly to serve as the Associate Attorney General of the United States.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Seaman
Chief of Police

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