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By U.S. Mail & Facsimile

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

Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Minority Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Tony West's Nomination for Associate Attorney General

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to support the nomination of Tony West as Associate Attorney General.

Tony is an outstanding lawyer eminently qualified to lead the Associate's Office on a permanent basis. As Acting Associate Attorney General, the head of the Civil Division, a former Justice Department lawyer and former Special Assistant to the California Attorney General, Tony has breadth of government prosecutorial experience. As a litigator in one of the Bay Area's preeminent law firms, he also has breadth of litigation experience in the private sector. He has dealt with difficult cases in a variety of settings with skill and integrity, ranging from fair lending actions against Wells Fargo and countrywide, the Standard and Poor's credit agency litigation to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill litigation. Tony is rightly regarded as one of the most able members of the Department of Justice's leadership as well as the Bay Area legal community.

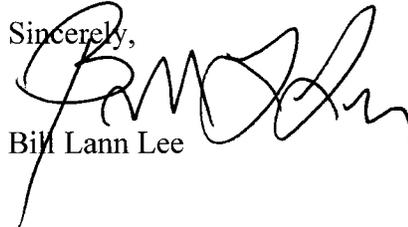
As Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division in the Clinton Administration, I worked with Tony on important policy matters, including issues of diversity and inclusion. His devotion to the practical enforcement of our nation's civil rights laws and his ability to build consensus will be a tremendous asset to the Associate's Office. The American people will be well-served by a leader like Tony who will be dedicated to its independence and non-partisanship of the Department and committed to assuring its integrity. I believe that the Office will benefit from his ethics, strength, and sensitivity as a manager and leader.

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The President has made an excellent decision in choosing Tony West as Associate Attorney General. I enthusiastically recommend Tony's confirmation. I urge that he be confirmed without delay in light of the many challenges facing the Associate's Office at this time.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Lann Lee". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "L".

Bill Lann Lee