



Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies

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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for the nomination of William Barr to be Attorney General of the United States

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein,

I write on behalf of the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA) in support of the President's nomination of William Barr to be Attorney General of the United States. ASCIA is a professional association consisting of the senior executives of 48 statewide criminal investigative agencies in the United States, including independent bureaus within states and state police agencies with both criminal and other enforcement responsibilities.

General Barr would come to the job with unparalleled experience and knowledge of the role of Attorney General. Having previously served at the helm of the Justice Department, he is uniquely qualified to manage the challenges the department faces.

We believe he understands the importance of working in partnership with law enforcement at all levels - including state and local agencies. During his earlier government service he played a key role in implementing innovative DOJ initiatives that addressed the spiking crime rates at that time. He demonstrated strong support for law enforcement partnerships.

If General Barr is confirmed, ASCIA looks forward to working closely with him to address today's law enforcement challenges relating to the ongoing drug crisis, forensic science, digital evidence, criminal intelligence and information sharing. We urge support for his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Mark Keel
President, ASCIA
Chief, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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