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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Loretta E. Lynch

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Grassley:

We are former United States Attorneys for the Eastern District of New York¹. We write to express our strong support of the nomination of the current U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Loretta E. Lynch, to serve as the Attorney General of the United States.

All of us know Loretta well and have interacted with her over the many years of her exceptionally distinguished career. We also know of her reputation within the New York legal and law enforcement communities. Based on that knowledge, we are highly confident that Loretta possesses the intelligence, judgment, integrity and commitment that is necessary for this important position and that will make her an outstanding Attorney General.

A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Loretta has dedicated over 15 years of her career to serving the U.S. Department of Justice. During her first tenure in the U.S. Attorney's Office (1990-2001), she personally prosecuted some of the Office's most sensitive and significant matters, including the prosecution of over a dozen members of the Green Dragons, an extremely violent gang, and the civil rights prosecution of the New York City police officers responsible for the brutal custodial assault of Abner Louima. Loretta also served in a number of important supervisory capacities, including Chief of the Office's Long Island Division, Chief Assistant United States Attorney and, from 1999 to 2001, the United States

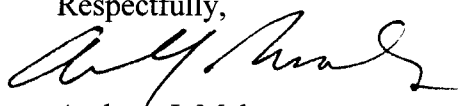
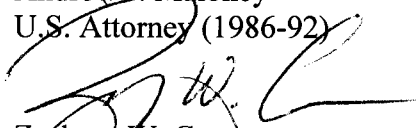
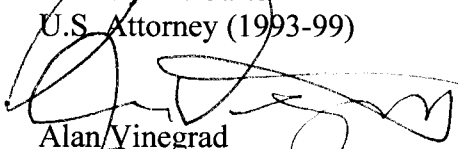
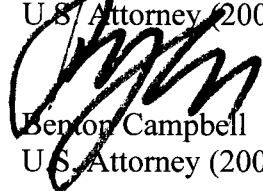
¹ All of the other living former U.S. Attorneys for the Eastern District of New York are currently members of the federal judiciary or, in one instance, the Chair of a federal agency.

Attorney. Through her work, we came to know Loretta as a smart, hard-working, eloquent and dedicated prosecutor who, through a low-key and even-tempered approach, developed a strong record of success and garnered great respect within the law enforcement and legal communities.

The Department of Justice was very fortunate to have Loretta return in 2010 for a second tenure as the United States Attorney. During that time, Loretta has solidified her role as an integral leader in the Justice Department, not just in New York but nationwide. For several years, she has served on the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee – most recently as its Chair –and, in that capacity, been instrumental in shaping Department-wide policies and priorities. In the Eastern District of New York, Loretta has overseen numerous significant prosecutions in the areas of terrorism, cybercrime, financial crime, public corruption and health care fraud, among others, and has made the Eastern District one of the leading U.S. Attorney’s offices in the country in each of these areas.

In short, we know from our personal experience that there is no question that Loretta is exceptionally qualified to serve as our country’s justice leader. But her commitment to justice transcends those qualifications. She is deeply committed to making our communities safer and our justice system effective, efficient and, above all, fair. She speaks with intelligence and passion about the pursuit of justice on behalf of the people of this country. The United States will benefit greatly from her continued commitment to that cause.

We therefore endorse, with pride and enthusiasm and without reservation, the nomination of Loretta Lynch to serve as the Attorney General of the United States.

Respectfully,

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U.S. Attorney (1986-92)

Zachary W. Carter
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Alan Vinegrad
U.S. Attorney (2001-02)

Benton Campbell
U.S. Attorney (2007-10)