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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

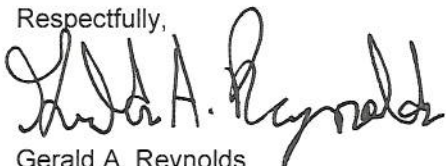
Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am very pleased to support the nomination of the Honorable Jeff Sessions for Attorney General of the United States. Senator Sessions has a distinguished record of public service that demonstrates his love of country, his commitment to the rule of law and his dedication to equality of opportunity for all Americans. His forty years of dedicated service—as a military officer in the U.S. Army Reserves, U.S. Attorney for Alabama's Southern District, Attorney General for the State of Alabama and now a leader in the U.S. Senate—make him eminently qualified to be America's chief law enforcement officer.

I came to know Senator Sessions personally when I was nominated by President Bush to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the Department of Education in 2001. Exhibiting his characteristic graciousness, the Senator lent his expertise and that of his staff to assist me in preparing for my own confirmation hearing before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. During my discussions with Senator Sessions and his staff, it was clear the senator has a strong interest in ensuring our nation's antidiscrimination laws are vigorously enforced. Senator Sessions is a man of great character and integrity with a commitment to fairness and equal justice under the law. Based on these qualities, his deep knowledge of the Department of Justice from his time with the U.S. Attorney's office and his decades of service on the Judiciary Committee, I have no doubt that he will be guided solely by fidelity to the Constitution and the laws of our great country.

I am honored to give him my highest personal and professional recommendation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald A. Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Senator Jeff Sessions