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The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am pleased to inform you of our support for the nomination of William P. Barr to be the next Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Barr's prior service as U.S. Attorney General in the Administration of George H.W. Bush, clearly demonstrated that he has the necessary qualifications and experience to effectively lead the U.S. Department of Justice. In addition, throughout Mr. Barr's long and successful career in public service he has repeatedly demonstrated his commitment to the rule of law and that he has a unique understanding of the challenges and the complexities law enforcement agencies face daily in safeguarding the citizens they were sworn to protect.

The IACP interacted with Mr. Barr during the Bush Administration on several criminal justice related issues, and we appreciated his ability to always listen to all sides of an issue to ensure a careful, thorough understanding. The IACP recently had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Barr again after his nomination to gain a better understanding of the law enforcement and criminal justice priorities that he would hope to accomplish as the next Attorney General. During this conversation Mr. Barr acknowledged the importance of community-police relations, law enforcement's role, and the need for accountability. This conversation clearly demonstrated Mr. Barr's qualifications, and his commitment and dedication to successfully fostering and enhancing crucial partnerships across the criminal justice spectrum.

On behalf of the more than 30,000 members of the IACP, thank you both for your continued leadership and for quickly holding a confirmation hearing. The IACP urges the Judiciary Committee and the members of the United States Senate to confirm Mr. Barr's nomination in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul M. Cell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being the most prominent.

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