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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
United States Senate
135 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT for Jeff Sessions
For Confirmation as 84th Attorney General of the United States**

Dear Senators Grassley and Leahy:

On behalf of the members of *Victims and Friends United*, we write to express our endorsement of Senator Jeff Sessions to serve as our next U. S. Attorney General. We urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to promptly and impartially confirm the nomination.

Victims and Friends United was founded in 1992. It is a grass-roots organization that works to ensure that existing victims' rights laws are zealously enforced, and encourage the drafting of new legislation to further protect the rights of crime victims and improve public safety with an emphasis on what takes place on the state and national levels. The organization keeps track of judges and criminal justice professionals who are champions for the rule of law and fight for the rights of law-abiding citizens. The information has been published and distributed, with personal funds and is a contribution to all crime victims in memory of our daughter Louarna (who was murdered in 1979 by a gang member seeking to gain status in his gang by murdering the family member of a police officer).

Mr. Sessions began his work in public service in 1975. He has a long and distinguished career in the criminal justice field. He will be a strong law-and-order Attorney General. He was a prosecutor for nearly 15 years and has worked with Democrats and Republicans to support criminal justice reform legislation. Mr. Sessions is committed to the rule of law which is important to a group such as *Victims and Friends United* which has diligently fought for the rights of those who are the innocent victims of violent crime. Mr. Sessions has dedicated his life to public service, has a stellar career, academic achievements and the academic credentials which make him the best person to serve as our next Attorney General.

Although we (the founders) are Black, our organization is ethnically diverse and we seek to bring equal justice for all Americans who may become and are victims of crime. We whole-heartedly endorse Mr. Sessions for Attorney General of the United States. We have researched his background and could find no evidence that he is biased toward people of color. In addition we have members who are diverse

and from all walks of life. We have fought for tough-on-crime measures, regardless of race, and seek to bring justice to all individuals who are victims of crime. We seek justice based on the evidence not ethnicity, religion or political party affiliation.

Victims and Friends United, support and endorse Mr. Sessions' confirmation without reservation as our next U. S. Attorney General. We welcome the opportunity to answer (in person) any questions your Committee may have.

Sincerely,



John W. Gillis, Founder



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