

July 14, 2015

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

We are writing to express our strong support for Stuart Delery's nomination to become Associate Attorney General of the United States.

Each of the undersigned clerked for a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States during the 1994-95 Term of the Court – the year that Mr. Delery served as law clerk to Associate Justice Byron White (who was then retired) and Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. In that context, we each came to know Mr. Delery, and admire him for his even-handedness, his integrity, his exceptional intellect, and his superb legal judgment.

Mr. Delery has had a distinguished career in both public service and private practice. He graduated from Yale Law School in 1993, and (before his year with the Supreme Court) served as a law clerk for Judge Gerald Tjoflat of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. After leaving the Court, Mr. Delery joined the firm that is now Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in 1995, where he was promoted to partner in 2001. While in private practice, Mr. Delery's experience included internal investigations, defense of clients in criminal, civil and administrative investigations, trial-level litigation, and appeals.

He joined the Department of Justice in 2009. In 2013, he was confirmed as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, where he served with distinction. On September 17, 2014, Mr. Delery was named as Acting Associate Attorney General. He has now been nominated to that office.

Based on our interactions while we clerked together more than twenty years ago, and (for many of us) in our dealings since that time, Mr. Delery has earned our trust, confidence and respect. The Justices for whom we clerked held views spanning the ideological spectrum. Our own perspectives and professional experiences are highly diverse. But we all agree that Mr. Delery is a lawyer of the greatest skill, judgment and integrity. We are confident that he will continue to serve (as he has since 2009) as the model government lawyer—committed above all to serving both principles of justice and the interests of the United States.

For all of these reasons we strongly urge the Senate to confirm Mr. Delery to serve as the Associate Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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