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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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U.S. Senate
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Eric S. Dreiband

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Feinstein and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write in support of the confirmation of Eric S. Dreiband to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights, for the U.S. Department of Justice. I served for 10 years as a career federal prosecutor in the Department of Justice, and for part of that time was Chief of the Financial Institution Fraud Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas. For two additional years, I served in the Office of Independent Counsel-Whitewater, where I first met Eric, eventually becoming Deputy Independent Counsel. Since 1999, I have practiced federal white collar criminal defense. Between 2009 and 2012, I served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. I offer this support of Eric in my personal capacity, and not on behalf of any firm or organization with whom I am or was affiliated.

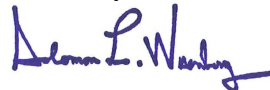
I know Eric Dreiband both as a former colleague and current friend. I supervised Eric when he was a young attorney working as an Associate Independent Counsel. In that capacity Eric exhibited a remarkable work ethic and maturity of judgment well beyond his years. Eric

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was placed in charge of a complex and complicated financial institution fraud investigation that had languished in the hands of his predecessors. Within a short period of time Eric had completely mastered the facts and the applicable law related to this investigation. I saw him work diligently and patiently with FBI Special Agents and other law enforcement professionals throughout the pendency of this matter. During my time at the Office of Independent Counsel, I was impressed most of all by Eric's measured, by-the-book approach to all matters that came up for discussion among the prosecutorial staff.

In the intervening years I have stayed close to Eric and become a friend. We have had many lengthy discussions about philosophical, personal, and legal matters. I consider him to be a person of the highest intelligence, competence, and ethics. In fact, Eric is one of the most decent, caring human beings it has ever been my privilege to know. I have no doubt at all that he will make a stellar Assistant Attorney General and will serve the Department of Justice with the utmost honor and integrity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Solomon L. Warburg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Partner