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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
United States Senate
135 Hart Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

RE: Letter of Support for Jefferson Sessions, III
For Confirmation as 84th Attorney General of the United States

Dear Senators Grassley and Leahy:

I wanted to write to express my support for Attorney General nominee Jefferson Sessions, III. I urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to confirm the nomination of Jefferson Sessions by President Elect Donald Trump to serve as our next Attorney General. I urge the Committee to confirm Jefferson Sessions, III, during your hearings on January 10-11, 2017.

I first met Sen. Sessions during my last quarter at Auburn University in 1990 when I applied for a criminal justice internship within the U.S. Attorneys Office in Mobile, AL. After my interview, U.S. Attorney Sessions allowed me to become the first college intern to serve within his office. The next year, he allowed me to return upon completion of my first year of law school. In 1995, Alabama Attorney General Jeff Sessions hired me as an Assistant Attorney General to work in the Criminal Trials Division of the Alabama Attorney General's Office. His one decision in 1990 allowed me to view the criminal justice system from a prosecutor's perspective of equal justice for all. For the last twenty-three years (23), I have tried to emulate the prosecutor and man, Jefferson Sessions.

Just as I have dedicated my life to public service, Senator Sessions has dedicated his life to public service and continues to have an exemplary career. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Alabama in 1973 and he received his B.A. degree from Huntingdon College in 1969. Senator Sessions served in the United States Army Reserve from 1973 to 1986 attaining the rank of Captain. Sen. Sessions served with distinction during his first employment with the Department of Justice, as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. Two years later in 1981, President Ronald Reagan nominated Sen. Sessions to serve as the United States Attorney for Alabama's Southern District. Sen. Sessions served with distinction for twelve (12) years as United States Attorney before being elected Alabama Attorney General in 1995, serving as the state's chief legal officer and top law enforcement officer until 1997, when he entered the United States Senate.

As I begin my third term as District Attorney of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit (Alabama), I can think of no better person to be called the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the United States. That person is my friend, my mentor, and the sole reason I pursued becoming a career prosecutor . . . Jefferson Sessions, III. Without any reservation, I strongly support Jefferson Sessions, III, as our next United States Attorney and urge the Committee to do so as well.



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