

January 22, 2015

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

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
437 Russell Senate Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Loretta Lynch

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

We are all the living past Presidents of the New York City Bar Association. The New York City Bar Association was founded in 1870 in response to growing public concern over corruption in the justice system in New York City. Today the Association has over 24,000 members and engages in a variety of activities, including the operation of more than 150 committees that focus on substantive areas of the law, a Legislative Affairs department that acts as a liaison between the committees and the New York State Legislature and New York City Council, a Judiciary Committee that evaluates candidates for judgeships at both the federal and state levels, a member services function that offers career development workshops and networking events, an accredited continuing legal education program and a legal referral service.

As a group we represent all aspects of the political spectrum and the practice of law. We include Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives, civil and criminal litigators and large and small firm practitioners. We also include former judges, the former dean of a law school and the former Corporation Counsel of the City of New York.

We write in support of the nomination of Loretta Lynch as Attorney General of the United States. Many of us know her and have worked with her personally -- she is a past member of the City Bar's Executive Committee -- but more importantly we know her record and her reputation in the New York legal community. Loretta Lynch has an unparalleled record of fair and effective enforcement of the law. She has done an excellent job in her two terms as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York and has actively sought to protect the interests of victims of crime from all segments of society, from the victims of gang warfare to major corporations that have been the victims of cyber-terrorism and fraud. She has been apolitical and non-partisan in her approach to law enforcement and has won the confidence of the broad and diverse community that she serves. She also has been an active participant in public dialogue, appearing frequently at public forums and

events, and has articulated the principles of our justice system in a way that we have often found inspiring.

We could go on for pages identifying the reasons why Loretta Lynch should be Attorney General, but suffice it to say that we think she is an excellent choice. She will serve the country with honor and distinction and will provide a shining example of why our system of justice is the best in the world. We urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to approve her nomination wholeheartedly and without reservation.

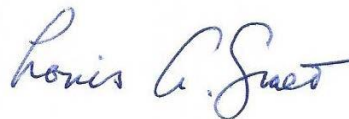
Very truly yours,




Michael A. Cardozo



Michael A. Cooper



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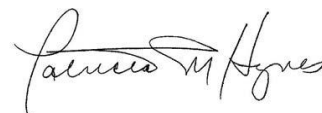
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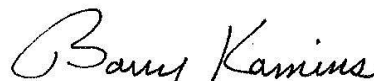
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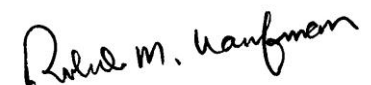
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