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The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman
The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6050

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

On behalf of our more than 100 member organizations representing a broad array of groups committed to the creation of an equitable, just, and free society, Alliance for Justice strongly supports Loretta Lynch in her nomination to be the next Attorney General of the United States.

Ms. Lynch, who would be the first African American woman to hold this job, exemplifies the strong and independent voice both Republicans and Democrats have called for in an Attorney General. Her career has been built on prosecuting crime that violates public trust: from corrupt politicians in both parties, to law enforcement officers who abuse their authority, to white collar criminals who break the law in search of profit. Ms. Lynch has always put public service above partisan politics.

Ms. Lynch's credentials are outstanding. In her 30 year career, she has twice served as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. Additionally, she has worked as a partner at Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P., an adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Law, as the Eastern District's Chief of the Long Island Office, and as an assistant U.S. attorney. In all of these roles, she has been tough, fair, and effective.

Further, Ms. Lynch has the background needed to continue Attorney General Eric Holder's strong legacy of standing up for civil rights and ensuring equal justice for all Americans. Ms. Lynch has been a leader in fostering diversity both in the legal world and in law enforcement. She understands the importance of justice, and when laws and enforcement must change to achieve it.

Because she understands the need for building strong communities and improving trust between law enforcement and diverse neighborhoods, Ms. Lynch has earned the respect of both law enforcement and those seeking to curb police abuses. Her supporters include numerous law enforcement officials and prosecutors. At the same time, Ms. Lynch has held law enforcement officers accountable when they abuse their power. She prosecuted four New York City police officers and one police sergeant for human rights violations after a Haitian immigrant was beaten

and sodomized with a broken broomstick. In another case, Ms. Lynch oversaw the prosecution of an officer who beat a victim and used a racial epithet in falsely arresting an African American man. She understands that the public faith in law enforcement depends on the vigilant prosecution of those who betray that trust.

We urge the swift confirmation of Loretta Lynch to be our nation's next Attorney General.

Sincerely,



Nan Aron
President