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December 15, 2014

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Nomination of Loretta Lynch as United States Attorney General

Dear Chairman Grassley:

On behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners of Durham, North Carolina, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support of President Barack Obama's nomination of the Honorable Loretta Elizabeth Lynch to United States Attorney General. Our community is elated about the nomination of Loretta, a former resident of Durham.

If appointed, Loretta would be the first African-American woman to hold the office created to guide the world's central agency for enforcement of federal laws. She has a blazing trail of history-making in her legal career that includes positions held since completing the prestigious Harvard Law School in 1984. Knowing her strong foundation and capabilities, it would give great joy to the people of Durham to witness her swearing into America's highest legal post. Her aptitude and attitude are fit for the position of U.S. Attorney.

I am honored to let you know that the education she received in Durham Public Schools also helped to prepare Loretta for her exemplary post-secondary education and litigious positions in state and federal government. Loretta was a well-rounded student that learned about the power of education beyond the classroom. Her first impressions regarding the necessity of justice in our world came while observing her father, Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Lynch, in his years as a noble civil rights leader and pastor of the historic White Rock Baptist Church here in Durham.

According to Loretta's father, when Loretta graduated Durham High School in 1977, she was to be the class valedictorian. However, she was made to share the honor with a white student with a lower grade point average. I am certain in that moment, her understanding of equality became clearly defined and quite possibly it ignited an unstoppable passion for what is fair and just. The Durham High School graduate who was to be top of her graduating class, but had to share the stage, may be our country's next attorney general!

Her legal record is laudable and fit for the position of U.S. Attorney. Loretta's thirst for knowledge, countless accomplishments and commitment to justice have led to her being referred to as "a strong, independent prosecutor," by the Office of the White House. We urge you and the members of the United States Senate to recognize her undeniable attributes by confirming her as the 83rd Attorney General of the United States of America.

Loretta is distinguished and a consummate professional. She is heroic and a trailblazer firmly supported by the Durham community. As we anticipate her appointment and leadership in our nation's capitol, we are proud to say she "will always be a Durhamite!"

I look forward to and pray for a favorable outcome for our beloved Loretta. I believe she is well-qualified for this position and urge her swift confirmation.

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