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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

I am writing to urge the confirmation of Loretta Lynch as Attorney General of the United States. As a former Deputy Attorney General, I know how important it is to justice in this country that the Department be led by someone of impeccable values and extraordinary capabilities. I have known Loretta Lynch since her service in the Eastern District of New York during the Clinton Administration. Even as a young lawyer, Loretta Lynch had a superb reputation for the care with which she handled cases within a busy office. She moved regularly to positions of ever-greater responsibility, ultimately serving as United States Attorney. In that position, she was known for her hands-on leadership style, her careful consideration of the merits of cases and her openness to hearing all points of view.

That she was willing to return to that same position after nearly a decade is further evidence of her commitment to public service. Ms. Lynch has been recognized by her peers as a leader within the United States Attorney community. On the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, she has had to grapple with the most important issues facing the Department and to bring to closure disagreements among Departmental components. She is as well-prepared to serve as Attorney General as anyone who has ever been nominated for that position.

Loretta Lynch clearly embodies the highest and best values of the legal profession. She is honest, forthright and courageous, as can be seen in the many decisions she has made as United States Attorney. She is also a leader in the larger legal community, speaking out on issues of concern to both lawyers and community leaders.

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I strongly urge her confirmation, in the best interest of the country.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie S. Gorelick", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

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