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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

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

Until November 24, 2014, when I retired, I was Executive Vice President, Government Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of PepsiCo. Prior to that, I was a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and Deputy Attorney General under President George W, Bush. Before that, I was a partner at King & Spalding and United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

I write in support of the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch to be the next Attorney General of the United States. I have followed Ms. Lynch's career and am familiar with her record, and I think she will make an excellent Attorney General.

Based on her record, I think that Ms. Lynch will take a balanced and pragmatic approach to enforcing the law. She is a person of moderation who is not interested in using the law to pursue a personal agenda. She is also tough but fair, which is all one can ask for and expect from the chief legal officer of the United States.

In addition, Ms. Lynch appears to be a person of great integrity who will enforce the law in a non-partisan way. Her record suggests that she is an independent thinker who will do what she thinks is right. While it will be her job to defend the executive branch, I am confident that she will not hesitate to tell her colleagues when she disagrees with them.

Finally, as a result of her background and experience, I believe that Loretta Lynch will be an excellent role model. She exemplifies what it means to be a serious professional, without taking herself too seriously. I have confidence in her abilities and know that she will carry out the duties of her office with distinction and honor.

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For these reasons, I ask the Judiciary Committee to act favorably on the nomination and to recommend Loretta Lynch to the full Senate as the next Attorney General of the United States.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Thompson", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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