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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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RE: Letter of Support for Loretta Lynch
For Confirmation as 83rd Attorney General of the United States

Dear Senators Grassley and Leahy:

On behalf of the members of the National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA), I write to express our endorsement of Attorney General Nominee Loretta Lynch. We strongly urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to quickly and fairly confirm the nomination of Loretta Lynch to serve as our next Attorney General, before Senate recesses in February.

Founded in 1983, the NBPA is a national organization comprised of local, state, and federal prosecutors, dedicated to the advancement of African Americans in the field of prosecution. As a premier professional law enforcement organization, we are committed to identifying and supporting the most qualified leaders in our profession. The NBPA has previously recognized Ms. Lynch during our 2013 national conference for her hard work, extraordinary leadership, and unwavering dedication to the enforcement of this nation's laws as a United States Attorney.

Ms. Lynch has dedicated her life to public service and continues to have an exemplary career, including two presidential-appointments as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. Ms. Lynch's academic achievements speak volumes. She received her A.B., cum laude, from Harvard College in 1981. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1984. As a federal prosecutor, Ms. Lynch served with distinction, first on the front lines as a line prosecutor, then while running a branch office, to her two terms as United States Attorney. As the United States Attorney for the

Eastern District of New York, Ms. Lynch has overseen one of the nation's premier litigation offices, representing the United States in three of the five boroughs of New York City – Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island – and both suburban counties on Long Island – Nassau and Suffolk. Her District encompasses approximately eight million people of diverse socio-economic backgrounds. As New York's top law enforcement officer, she oversees all federal criminal and civil investigations. Her office has successfully prosecuted virtually every type of federal crime, while her Civil Division includes an expansive variety of both affirmative and defensive litigation. She defends the federal government and its officials from constitutional and procedural challenges and from civil actions alleging claims in a broad spectrum of practice areas. She has been on the forefront of national cyber security; Ms. Lynch has also made community outreach a priority. Ms. Lynch is the Immediate Past Chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and sits on the Department of Justice's Diversity Council. She is the epitome of a public servant.

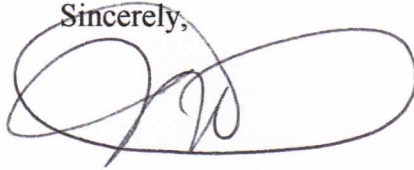
A consensus builder in her work in both the private and public sectors, Ms. Lynch is a "lawyer's lawyer," who has earned the respect and admiration of a broad range of colleagues, lawyers, and leaders for her deep knowledge of — and extensive experience with the law in both civil and criminal arenas. Ms. Lynch allows neither politics nor racial tensions to inform her prosecution. Rather, she remains true to her prosecution oath and commitment to the American people, and seeks justice. It is this character and commitment to the very principles on which the Department of Justice stands that distinguishes Lynch from her peers, making her the best person to serve as our next Attorney General.

Additionally, Lynch has a reputation of being an outstanding prosecutor and remarkable person, with great integrity and work ethic. Lynch will use the very principles that she has built her career upon and lives her life by to serve this nation as a non-partisan, chief law enforcement officer and presidential advisor, whose decisions are driven not by partisan politics, but by the law.

Based on the foregoing, we support Ms. Lynch, without reservation, as our next United States Attorney General. We urge every senator to set aside any partisan differences in favor of confirming her nomination. This nation needs Ms. Lynch as Attorney General. We are confronting the most tumultuous times in the legal system; Ms. Lynch as Attorney General will ensure that America fulfills the promise engraved on the United States Supreme Court's front door: "*Equal Justice Under Law*".

We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you may have.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a 'V' and a 'P', all enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Melba V. Pearson,
NBPA President