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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

Re: Confirmation Hearings of Loretta Lynch, Esq.

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations is pleased and honored to submit this letter of support in connection with the nomination of Loretta Lynch, current United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, as the next Attorney General of the United States.

The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA) is a unique organization of women's bar associations, representing approximately 35,000 women lawyers across the nation. As "an association of associations," the NCWBA advocates for the equality of women in the legal profession and in society by mobilizing and uniting women's bar associations to effect change. Such change includes visibly increasing the number and role of women lawyers in federal and state judiciaries, academia, law firms, corporate and nonprofit executive offices, and government and political leadership.

The NCWBA strongly supports the nomination, and urges the swift confirmation, of Loretta Lynch as United States Attorney General. Ms. Lynch's record of accomplishment speaks for itself. Ms. Lynch's impeccable credentials, combined with knowledge and real world experience gained over the course of three decades of practice, together uniquely position Ms. Lynch to lead the U.S. Department of Justice. She is an extraordinarily accomplished lawyer who both understands the complex legal issues before her and the need for strategic development of approaches for addressing such issues. Her experience, including at senior leadership levels, in both the public and private sectors gives her a perspective that is both broad and deep. Her ability to build relationships across stakeholder groups, while at the same time

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remaining independent, forthright and transparent in her approach, reflects her mastery of both underlying substance and the process needed to uphold and promote justice.

As United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Ms. Lynch has prosecuted cases across myriad substantive areas, ranging from high-profile public corruption and commercial fraud matters, to matters involving violent crime and gang prosecutions, from human trafficking matters to terrorism-related cases and other matters going to threats to the national security. She has pursued these matters on an impartial, non-partisan and non-political basis, steadfastly upholding the principles upon which the Justice Department is based.

In short, Loretta Lynch is uniquely qualified to serve as Attorney General and to lead the U.S. Department of Justice. Her background, experience and proven leadership present precisely the combination of skills and attributes the country needs in its top legal officer, Ms. Lynch's own personal and professional journeys reflect the kind of American journey possible only under a system of justice that reflects all Americans and that truly operates as a system for all. The NCWBA is proud to support her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren E. Tucker McCubbin /SLA".

Lauren Tucker McCubbin
President, National Conference of Women's Bar Associations

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica G. Parham".

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