



**THE POLICE COMMISSIONER
CITY OF NEW YORK**

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4502

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-4502

Re: Loretta Lynch, Nominee for Attorney General of the United States,
United States Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

I respectfully submit this letter in support of the nomination of Loretta Lynch to be the next Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice. I have known Loretta personally and professionally and have been consistently impressed by her unflinching integrity, exceptional ability, and commitment to public service. She will serve the nation well in her role as Attorney General, and I fully support her confirmation.

Over the past 13 months, I have had the pleasure to work closely with her in my role as Police Commissioner of the New York City Police Department. During that time I have observed firsthand what an outstanding federal prosecutor Loretta is, and I have the highest degree of confidence that she will make an excellent Attorney General at a time when the nation so greatly needs her service. These are challenging times for the American criminal-justice system, as it must work together with the communities it serves to bridge divides wherever they may exist. The country deserves a leader of Loretta's caliber who will guide us through this collaborative process, and pave the way toward a safer, fairer nation.

As US Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, Loretta has proven her comprehensive knowledge of the central issues facing law enforcement today. She has also shown an evenhanded understanding of the fluid dynamics involved in policing our diverse community. Through her carefully considered and non-partisan, non-political decision-making, she has been a forceful, effective, and responsible advocate for the people of our region. Her work has made this city safer, and we all owe her a debt of gratitude.

Now the entire nation has the opportunity to gain from her tireless work ethic, sound judgment, excellent investigative and trial skills, and her irreproachable integrity and ethical behavior. As Attorney General she will employ these strengths to serve the American people.

I want to thank you and the entire Committee for the opportunity to express my views on this matter. Loretta is an excellent choice to lead the Department of Justice as the top law enforcement professional in the nation. Please contact me at any point if you have any questions or require any further information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Bratton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William J. Bratton
Police Commissioner