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Chairman Chuck Grassley 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Ranking Member Diane Feinstein 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

As Vice President of Government Affairs for the Major County Sheriffs' Association (MCSA), I write to express our support for the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions as the 84th Attorney General of the United States. His service and knowledgeable experience within the field of criminal justice makes him a uniquely qualified candidate.

Expected to lead the U.S. Department of Justice on issues from tackling complex organized crime and cyberthreats, to sophisticated fraud and terrorism, the Attorney General of the United States requires not only a strong command of all justice concerns, but the ability to work cooperatively and closely with a broad community of law enforcement agencies and leaders across the country. Within the current Administration, there has been a continued pattern of making critical decisions affecting the law enforcement community without adequate stakeholder consultation. Issues range from the acquisition of military surplus equipment to immigration enforcement and asset forfeiture.

Senator Sessions has been a strong advocate for law enforcement and we greatly appreciate his hard work and commitment to public safety. As an association of elected sheriffs representing our nation's largest counties with populations of 500,000 people or more, serving over 100 million Americans, we seek to be a positive source of ideas and solutions and Senator Sessions has been a reliable and valuable partner of the MCSA.

The MCSA urges the Committee and members of the Senate to swiftly confirm Senator Sessions' nomination so we may continue to collectively work to protect our communities and follow the rule of law.

Very Respectfully,

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