

January 6, 2017

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*Re: Confirmation of Senator Jeff Sessions for Attorney General of the United States*

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write in our individual capacities, as former staff members of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, to express our strong support for Senator Jeff Sessions' nomination to be the 84th Attorney General of the United States.

While serving together on the Committee, we often clashed with one another on policy issues of national importance. Today, however, we are united in our agreement that Senator Sessions is a man of great character, integrity, and fidelity to our nation who is worthy of your affirmative vote and a swift confirmation.

We were privileged to witness firsthand the operations of the Committee over the past two decades, during some of the Senate's most consequential debates. We observed Senator Sessions up close, behind closed doors, and when no cameras were present. In those moments, we came to know Senator Sessions as a gentleman and a dedicated public servant. The man we proudly worked alongside always displayed kindness, decency, and humility. He has been a credit to the greatest traditions of the Senate and the Judiciary Committee, and we have no doubt he will bring this same strength of character to the Office of the Attorney General.

We can further attest that his commitment to the rule of law is unwavering and his patriotism unquestionable. Through his words and deeds, Senator Sessions has demonstrated a deep respect for the United States Department of Justice, its mission, and its people. We are confident that, as Attorney General, he will maintain independence from political influence and seek justice on behalf of all citizens, without fear or favor.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we can affirm that Senator Sessions displays an unfailing allegiance to the Constitution. He understands the significance of the structural safeguards in our founding charter, including the separation of powers among the three branches of the federal government. We trust that, once confirmed, Senator Sessions will direct the Justice Department to exhibit the appropriate respect for the legislative branch and its constitutional responsibilities.

Thank you for considering our views and for your own dedication to the Senate and to the Committee we had the distinct honor of serving.

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