

December 5, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

**Re: Nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions to be Attorney General of the United States**

Dear Leader McConnell, Senator Schumer, Chairman Grassley, and Ranking Member Leahy:

As you prepare for the upcoming Congress and for the impending nominations of President-elect Trump's Cabinet members, we write to express our strong support for the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions to be Attorney General of the United States. Senator Sessions' exemplary record during his long career in public service speaks to the leadership and sober dedication he would bring to the Department of Justice.

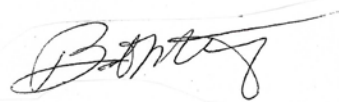
As former government officials involved in the development and administration of the United States' drug policies, we understand the importance of a Department of Justice that is committed to the just and fair enforcement of the laws that Congress has written. In this respect, Senator Sessions would make an excellent Attorney General. His distinguished career as a prosecutor, including as the Reagan-appointed U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama and as Attorney General of Alabama, earned him a reputation as a tough, determined professional who has been dedicated to the appropriate enforcement of the rule of law. His exemplary record of service in law enforcement demonstrates that he is a protector of civil rights and defender of crime victims.

Senator Sessions brought that same dedication to his service in the Senate. As an example of his fair-minded approach to tough law enforcement, he, together with Senator Durbin, passed the bipartisan Fair Sentencing Act, which increased fairness in sentencing by reducing the disparity in crack cocaine and powder cocaine sentences, while also strengthening penalties for serious drug traffickers. His prudent and responsible approach is exactly what the Department of Justice needs to enforce the law, restore confidence in the United States' justice system, and keep the American people safe. We support the nomination of Senator Sessions to be Attorney General of the United States, and we ask you to do the same.

Respectfully,



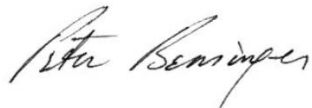
William J. Bennett  
Director of National Drug Control Policy  
March 1989 – December 1990



Robert Martinez  
Director of National Drug Control Policy  
March 1991 – January 1993



John P. Walters  
Director of National Drug Control Policy  
December 2001 – January 2009



Peter B. Bensinger  
Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
February 1976 – July 1981



John C. Lawn  
Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
July 1985 – March 1990



Robert C. Bonner  
Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
August 1990 – October 1993



Karen Tandy  
Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
July 2003 – November 2007



Michele Leonhart  
Administrator  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
December 2010 – May 2015