

July 11, 2017

Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
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Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Bipartisan Endorsement of Christopher A. Wray to be Director of the FBI from Former United States Attorneys

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are former United States Attorneys writing in strong bipartisan support of the nomination of Christopher A. Wray to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Many of us have worked closely with Chris, know him personally, and can attest to his outstanding reputation – both during his time in government and private practice. We believe that Chris is a strong and effective leader with unassailable integrity, judgment and courage.

As former U.S. Attorneys, we are in a special position to evaluate the qualifications of Chris to serve as FBI Director. United States Attorneys are the top-ranking federal law-enforcement officials in their jurisdictions, tasked with setting enforcement priorities, building trust in the communities they serve, and protecting the public while respecting federalism, the separation of powers, and the individual rights enshrined in the Constitution. As United States Attorneys we worked closely with the FBI in its role as DOJ's principal investigative arm, with the broadest powers of any federal law enforcement agency. We are aware of the FBI's critically important role as a member of the U.S. Intelligence Community.

Chris is exceptionally well qualified to serve as Director of the FBI. He graduated, *cum laude*, from Yale University in 1989 and received his law degree in 1992 from Yale Law School, where he served as Executive Editor of the Yale Law Journal. He served as a law clerk to Judge J. Michael Luttig of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. From 1997 to 2001, Chris served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia where he prosecuted a wide variety of federal jury trials, conducted numerous grand jury investigations, and argued several appeals as lead counsel. In 2001, Chris joined the Department's leadership as Associate Deputy Attorney General and was soon appointed the Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, with oversight responsibilities spanning the full Department of Justice. In 2003, President George W. Bush nominated Chris to serve as the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division. After his unanimous confirmation, Chris helped lead the Department's efforts to address the wave of corporate fraud scandals and restore integrity to U.S. financial markets. He served on the President's Corporate Fraud Task Force and oversaw the Enron Task Force and other

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major fraud investigations, both around the country and internationally. At the conclusion of his tenure in 2005, Chris was awarded the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Department's highest award for public service and leadership.

Chris has a proven track record of following facts and law independent of favor or influence. His legal credentials, law enforcement and national security background—as well as his success in managing and overseeing large complex organizations, investigations and crises—make him an exceptional candidate to lead the FBI. Chris will provide strong leadership to the outstanding men and women of the FBI and discharge the duties of Director with honor, independence, and a tireless commitment to the rule of law. In light of Chris's exceptional qualifications, experience, and character, we enthusiastically request that the Committee and the Senate approve Chris's nomination to be Director of the FBI.

Sincerely,

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