

December 2, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of my personal support for Senator Jeff Sessions for United States Attorney General. As a long-time victim advocate since 1991, when my sister-in-law was raped and murdered, I have worked on behalf of victims in Tennessee, speaking out about injustice, and working to secure changes in a frustrating justice system. I have worked in the professional realm of victim advocacy since 1998 and co-founded Tennessee Voices for Victims, a state wide crime victim advocacy and crime prevention agency. I have a solid reputation with justice professionals and law enforcement in Tennessee as an advocate for victims and supporter for law enforcement. I have collaborated with law enforcement agencies across Tennessee on various projects relating to crime and justice, and I have served, and am serving, on numerous Commissions and Task Forces where I can represent the voice of the victim. (My bio is on my agency website at <http://tnvoicesforvictims.org/about/verna-wyatt/>).

As a victim of crime, as an advocate for victims for over 25 years, I know how vitally important the role of law enforcement is for providing the security, peace, and justice for our communities. Senator Session has proven he understands these critical issues time and again with legislation he both supported and helped pass. Over the last eight years, the danger to our men and women of law enforcement has dramatically increased due in large part from non-support from leaders at the top. Senator Sessions has demonstrated through legislation like "The Thin Blue Line Act" that he understands the importance of necessary respect and support for the men and women of law enforcement, who put their lives on the line every day to protect our citizens.

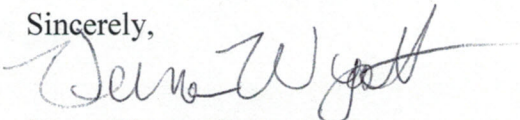
Senator Sessions has also proven through numerous legislative efforts that he understands the complicated dynamics of issues like domestic violence and child sexual abuse. He understands the needs of the victims of these crimes, and has worked to provide funding for healing from these crimes through VOCA funding and VAWA funding.

Senator Sessions understands that a core responsibility of the government is safety of the public. He has said the wise approach is to slow down and evaluate the trends before accelerating prison population decline. He knows that releasing offenders who are not accountable or rehabilitated only creates new victims.

Senator Sessions has a solid understanding of our drug epidemic and the pain of addiction. He has seen the problems of impaired driving. His legal and legislative experience have made him a perfect fit for this position, at this time in our country's history.

I wholehearted support Senator Jeff Sessions, and thank you for considering my support for his appointment as United States Attorney General.

Sincerely,



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