

**Bipartisan Letter of Support of Former Legal Officials  
on Behalf of Vanita Gupta**

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader, United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

March 17, 2021  
Via Electronic Mail

**Re: Letter in Support of Vanita Gupta's Nomination for United States Associate Attorney General**

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are individuals who currently or formerly held positions in the federal legal system as prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement officials. While we come from diverse backgrounds and diverse locations, we share in the strong endorsement of Vanita Gupta's nomination as Associate Attorney General.

During her decades serving as a leader in nonprofit and government roles promoting fair administration of justice, Ms. Gupta has displayed her keen legal mind, her diligence as a public servant, and her impressive ability to work with diverse stakeholders.

Because Vanita Gupta is a strong leader and consensus-builder, we join to urge her prompt confirmation.

Signed,

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United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, 1994-1997

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Deputy Attorney General of the United States, 1989-1990

United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, 1981-1986

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United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, 2009-2017

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United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, 1977-1980

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United States Representative for Louisiana's 6th District, 2008-2009

United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, 2010-2013

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United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, 2001-2007

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United States Secretary of Homeland Security, 2005-2009

United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2003-05

Assistant United States Attorney General, 2001-2003

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Attorney General of Tennessee, 1984-1988

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