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The Hon. Lindsey Graham
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Hon. Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

On behalf of the Major Chiefs Association, representing the largest metropolitan regions of our Nation, we are writing to support a swift confirmation for William Barr to be the next Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Barr brings to the Department of Justice a distinguished record of service to our Nation and our justice system. His exemplary accomplishments as a prosecutor represent a broad range of cases that have repeatedly demonstrated his steadfast commitment to public safety.

As Attorney General in the George H.W. Bush Administration, William Barr developed and implemented programs to address violent crime in urban areas. As a leader and innovator, he implemented a thoughtful and balanced approach which addressed root causes of crime as well as targeting repeat offenders.

His reputation for integrity and high ethical standards bodes well for the times ahead, and our interview with Mr. Barr confirmed that he will be a strong and independent Attorney General.

We will count on him to support the top priorities of American policing. Creative new measures are needed to protect the public from the threat of drugs and violent crime. We look forward to a partnership that will strengthen the ties between our local agencies and the Department of Justice.

American law enforcement has always looked to you for leadership and we again turn to you to move the nomination of William Barr quickly through the confirmation process.

Sincerely,

Art Acevedo
Chief of Police
Houston Police Department
President, Major Cities Chiefs Association