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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

We are partners in King & Spalding LLP, and have had the privilege of working closely with Sally Yates either when she practiced at our firm or during her 25 years of service in the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia. We strongly support her nomination to serve as Deputy Attorney General.

Sally began her law career with King & Spalding and worked at the firm for several years before joining the United States Attorney's Office. A number of us knew Sally as an associate at the firm, and, even as a young lawyer, she exemplified extraordinary legal skill and judgment. Those attributes, combined with her strong work ethic and engaging personality, earned Sally a reputation within the firm as a capable lawyer and one with whom people wanted to work. It was no surprise to those of us who worked with her that she was recruited by the United States Attorney's Office and went on to have a remarkable career in public service.

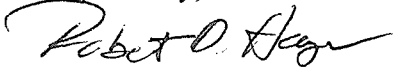
In fact, Sally's record of service is extraordinary. Over the last two and a half decades, she has been a powerful force for justice and a strong advocate for the metro Atlanta community. Perhaps best known for her skilled work as a prosecutor of public corruption cases, Sally led the successful prosecutions of a former Atlanta Mayor, a former State School Superintendent, and numerous other corrupt local officials and contractors. In addition, Sally led the team that prosecuted the Atlanta Olympic bomber, Eric Rudolph. Atlanta is a far better and safer city today thanks in part to Sally's extraordinary efforts.

In addition, Sally is a talented advocate. She was elected to membership in the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, a professional organization that recognizes the best of the country's trial lawyers. Those same advocacy skills have made her a powerful voice in the community, who has been willing to address directly and publicly difficult issues like human trafficking and the use of force by law enforcement officers. Sally has done an outstanding job of earning the respect and support of both the political and business communities, and she has consistently kept front of mind the fact that her first commitment is to the people she serves.

Several of us served with Sally in the United States Attorney's Office in Atlanta, and three of us also formerly served in the Deputy Attorney General's Office during the George W. Bush Administration. We understand the need for federal prosecutors to be fearless and non-partisan advocates of the rule of law. We also understand the incredible demands placed on the Deputy Attorney General and the qualities and skills that are required to be successful in this important leadership position. In particular, the Deputy Attorney General must provide strong, dedicated and experienced leadership; be attuned to the myriad of challenges that face the U.S. Attorneys' offices nationwide; and be able to effectively establish and communicate the Justice Department's priorities. Sally brings a wealth of practical experience as well as the highest standards of excellence and integrity to this position.

All of us strongly believe Sally possesses the necessary qualities to make her an effective leader of the Justice Department, and we are honored to support her nomination to be the next Deputy Attorney General.

Respectfully,



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