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March 20, 2015

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
437 Russell Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), a national organization made up of elected and appointed prosecuting attorneys from throughout the nation, supports the confirmation of Acting Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates as Deputy Attorney General for the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ).

APA provides prosecutors across the country with valuable resources such as training and technical assistance in an effort to develop proactive and innovative prosecutorial practices that prevent crime, ensure equal justice, and help make our communities safer.

Sally Yates is a non-partisan career prosecutor who has proven herself as a leader with 25 years of USDOJ experience. She is uniquely qualified to serve as the Deputy Attorney General overseeing day-to-day operations of the department.

Starting as a career line prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta in 1989, she worked her way up throughout her 25-year career to become the

first woman to serve as the Senate confirmed United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia in 2010.

After her five years of remarkable accomplishments as U.S. Attorney, Yates has been called on again to bring her experience from a life of public service and her talents as a career prosecutor to serve as Deputy Attorney General.

She is universally respected by law enforcement, prosecutors and her peers and has dedicated her life to public safety.

APA is proud to support Ms. Yate's nomination and we hope for a swift and impartial nomination hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'David LaBahn'.

David LaBahn  
President