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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:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Sally Yates to become this nation's next Deputy Attorney General.

I have known Sally Yates for more than 25 years. I watched her progress from serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney to the position of First Assistant with the Atlanta United States Attorney's Office. Most recently, I had the privilege of working directly with Sally after she was confirmed as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia during the time I served as Acting Deputy Attorney General and Chief of Staff to the Attorney General.

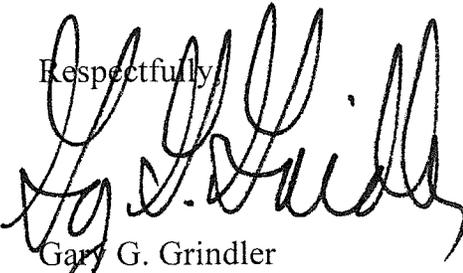
Sally is an extraordinary public servant who has worked tirelessly to seek justice throughout her career. She brings a breadth of knowledge of the Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney community to this position which will be invaluable when

addressing the many challenging issues that will come before her for decision. This knowledge comes from her service as a federal prosecutor, a United States Attorney, as vice-chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and now as Acting Deputy Attorney General. Sally also has worked closely with federal and state law enforcement agencies which has provided her with a deep understanding of the crucial role agents play in investigating criminal activity.

I worked directly with Sally when she served as vice-chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and when she played a key role in formulating policy and guidance to ensure that federal prosecutors not only meet but exceed their discovery obligations under *Brady* and beyond. In her role with the AGAC, Sally demonstrated her ability to address and navigate matters presented by many United States Attorney's Offices – a key responsibility of the Deputy Attorney General. Through all of this work, she has gained the respect of career DOJ attorneys, the U.S. Attorney community and the leadership of the Department.

From my own experience, I am aware of the many demands placed on the Deputy Attorney General. I am confident that Sally will keep an open mind, listen to what others have to say, ask tough questions and carefully think through the complex issues that will be presented to her. She has excellent judgment and has demonstrated the ability to make sound decisions under pressure. Sally is a consummate professional who, as Deputy Attorney General, will serve with absolute integrity and an unwavering commitment to do what is right and to protect the security of this nation.

Respectfully,



Gary G. Grindler