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The Honorable Dick Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the North Carolina NAACP, we are pleased to offer our full support for Hampton Dellinger's nomination to serve as Head of The Office of Legal Policy (OLP) at the U.S. Justice Department, and we urge the Senate to confirm him quickly. We know Hampton's work and commitment to issues of civil rights, which have had a major impact for people of color and all Americans in North Carolina and across the country.

Hampton has been a volunteer lawyer for the NAACP at the local, State, and national level and is currently assisting us as we fight to remove confederate monuments from the entrance to courthouses, where colorblind justice is supposed to be a guarantee. Working in the North Carolina Governor's Office, Hampton was known for promoting talented, diverse candidates for judicial appointments, including: G.K. Butterfield, who was appointed to the North Carolina Supreme Court (and is now a member of Congress), Yvonne Mims Evans, who was appointed to the North Carolina State Superior Court (and is now a member of the North Carolina Innocence Commission), and Al Diaz, who was also appointed to the North Carolina Supreme Court (now on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit).

Hampton's track record is one that the North Carolina NAACP is proud to support. We know Hampton and trust that, once confirmed, he will continue and accelerate efforts to diversify and thereby improve the federal judiciary. We also believe that he will be an important leader in The Biden Administration advocating for racial equity and social justice.

Thank you for allowing us to offer support.

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