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Senator Orrin G. Hatch
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Christopher Wray

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Christopher Wray for Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

As the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York from June 1993 until January 2002, I had the privilege of working personally with Mr. Wray, in his capacity as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, on a variety of issues, including on counterterrorism matters involving al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden. In my view, Christopher Wray would be an outstanding Assistant Attorney General who would bring intelligence, experience, and exceptional judgment to this important position at a particularly critical time for our nation and the criminal justice system.

As his impressive record demonstrates, Mr. Wray has served with great distinction in the Department of Justice, in positions of increasing responsibility, both as an Assistant United States Attorney in Atlanta and then as the primary deputy to Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson. In both capacities, Mr. Wray has successfully investigated, prosecuted and supervised a broad range of important criminal matters, including matters involving white collar crime, terrorism, civil rights, public corruption, gun trafficking, narcotics, and immigration. Mr. Wray also spent four years in the private sector at the highly respected law firm of King & Spalding where his practice focused on white collar defense and internal investigations, areas of particular priority for the Department of Justice today.

Mr. Wray thus brings a depth and range of experience, from both the public and private sectors, that will be invaluable to his work as Assistant Attorney General. From my own experience with him, I am confident that Mr. Wray will approach every issue and matter with knowledge, balance and mature judgment. He is a dedicated,

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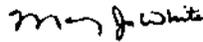
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accomplished public servant who will act vigorously and fairly in furtherance of criminal law enforcement and in the best interests of the public.

If confirmed, I am confident that Christopher Wray will provide outstanding service to the criminal justice system and the American people. He will be, in my view, a highly respected and successful Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division. If I can provide further information, please do not hesitate to have your staffs contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jo White

cc: Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Minority Member

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