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Honorable Barack Obama  
President-elect, United States of America  
c/o David Ogden  
Presidential Transition Team  
Washington, DC 20270

Dear President-elect Obama:

I am very pleased to support your nominee for the Attorney General of the United States, Eric H. Holder, Jr. As a long-time national victim advocate and resident of the District of Columbia, I have known Mr. Holder for 20 years, and have closely followed his career with tremendous pride, admiration and gratitude.

Mr. Holder became the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia at a time when violent crime in our Nation's capital was at an all-time high. Instead of simply focusing on reducing crime, he made *crime victims' needs and concerns* a priority of his agency. During his tenure, he increased staffing of his victim/witness unit from six to 24 members, and created designated victim advocates for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and family members of homicide victims. He helped create the DC Children's Advocacy Center which, today, is considered a national model of excellence.

As President Clinton's appointee to serve as Deputy Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Holder provided strong support to the small but vital Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) within the Office of Justice Programs. He helped create new protocols for children who are exposed to violence, and ensured that the surviving family members of the victims of the Pan Am 103 crash were treated with dignity and afforded rights and services, among other significant efforts.

Eric Holder is truly a gift to those of us who dedicate our lives to serving victims and survivors of crime. He understands the importance of our issues and concerns, and will require *no* on-the-job training in regards to crime victims' needs, rights and services.

I join countless colleagues in my field in strongly supporting Eric H. Holder, Jr. to serve as the Attorney General of the United States, and thank you for your wisdom in nominating him.

If I can provide you with additional information or answer any questions, please contact me at (202) 547-1732. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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