

American Probation and Parole Association



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Honorable Barack Obama
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Dear President-Elect Obama:

I want to express my support for your selection of Eric Holder as the U.S. Attorney General designee.

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The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) is an international membership group that represents over 35,000 probation, parole and community corrections professionals involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. We provide training, technical assistance, research and information clearinghouse services to our members and constituents. In providing these services to our constituents we are cognizant of the vital role played by victims of crime in our criminal and juvenile justice systems. Our attention to the needs of crime victims is at the forefront of our efforts towards justice system improvements in both the policy and practice arenas. Our work in the areas of victim impact statements, restitution collection, recognizing and responding to elder abuse, effective supervision of domestic violence perpetrators, use of electronic supervision tools, the role of victims in re-entry and victim sensitive policies and practices are well known to the field. We recognize that to effectively respond to crime and to keep our communities safe that the needs of crime victims must be met.

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As the recipient of the first U.S. Congressional Crime Victims' Rights Caucus *Allied Professional Award*, I am elated that a man of Mr. Holder's long-standing reputation of advocating and implementing victim related services is being considered for the post of U.S. Attorney General. It is our sincere hope that Mr. Holder will be confirmed and that the APPA will be able to be trusted partners for him to call on.

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Sincerely,

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