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I am writing to congratulate you on your outstanding choice of Eric Holder for Attorney General, and to affirm the support of the National Center for Victims of Crime for his confirmation. As you know well, he is a person of tremendous intelligence and great integrity, and he will be a wonderful champion of justice for the people of the United States of America.

At the National Center for Victims of Crime, our mission is to forge a national commitment to help victims of crime rebuild their lives. As a member of our Board of Directors from 2003-2007, Mr. Holder has been a great supporter of our work serving individuals, families, and communities harmed by crime.

Mr. Holder's career in law has been marked by many important accomplishments for crime victims, such as helping to establish the District of Columbia's child advocacy center and greatly expanding the victim witness unit in his office as U.S. Attorney. As Deputy Attorney General, he championed the cause of the victims of the Pan Am crash and spearheaded an important educational effort on helping child witnesses to violence.

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I had the privilege of working under Mr. Holder from 1993 to 2000, both at the U.S. Attorney's Office and at the Justice Department, and to observe first-hand his compassion for victims, his keen analysis of justice issues, and his integrity in upholding the law.

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In sum, Mr. President-elect, you have made an excellent choice, and the National Center for Victims of Crime wholeheartedly supports the nomination of Eric Holder for Attorney General. We look forward to his quick confirmation and to continuing to work with him to advance the cause of justice for all the people of the United States.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mary Lou Leary

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Leary