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December 23, 2008

The Honorable Patrick Leahy

Chairman

The Honorable Arlen Specter

Ranking Member

Senate Committee on the Judiciary

224 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

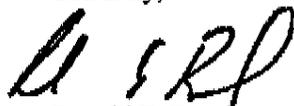
On behalf of the National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC) and the more than 70,000 law enforcement officers we represent, I'm pleased to offer my full support for the nomination of Eric Holder for the office of Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Holder possesses an outstanding mix of legal, managerial and policy expertise desperately needed within the Department of Justice. Given the critical national security issues the Department of Justice is grappling with today, it has never been more important to have a steady, experienced leader like Mr. Holder serving as Attorney General.

As state and local law enforcement continue to battle home-grown criminals across America, we look forward to working with an Attorney General who appreciates the challenges we face. While serving as Deputy Attorney General under Attorney General Janet Reno, Mr. Holder built a strong record of prosecuting drug traffickers, gangs and violent offenders. His background is important since drug traffickers launch biochemical attacks daily on America's communities, resulting in more than 20,000 overdose deaths each year.

Mr. Holder is a dedicated and well qualified professional and we can think of no one more qualified than he to serve as United States Attorney General. Please feel free to contact me at rbrooks@nca.hidta.net or (415) 748-0835 if you require further information as you work through the nomination process. Correspondence may be sent directly to me at PO Box 36102, San Francisco, CA 94102. Thank you again for taking time to review our position.

Sincerely,



Ronald E. Brooks
President