

May 20, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Minority Member
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Re: Letter in Support of Anne Milgram, Nominee for the Administrator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin and Ranking Minority Member Grassley:

We write in strong support of Anne Milgram, President Biden's nominee for the Administrator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

We are former State Attorneys General in each of our respective states, who belonged to both Republican and Democratic parties. Many of us served for multiple terms, operating as the chief statewide law enforcement officials in our states, bringing criminal and civil enforcement actions to protect our citizens and the public fisc, and defending our states in federal and state courts.

We often worked with the DEA and senior officials (including the Administrator) under both Republican and Democratic Administrations. We believe that Ms. Milgram is an outstanding selection. She has an excellent reputation and impressive leadership qualities that will meet the mission of the DEA.

We support Ms. Milgram's nomination for the Administrator of the DEA. As the former Attorney General for the State of New Jersey, she is recognized as an experienced leader who has made tough but fair decisions on criminal investigations and prosecutions. She also has an excellent reputation as a career prosecutor who has focused on the safety and health of our communities.

As an appointed Attorney General of New Jersey, Ms. Milgram oversaw state law enforcement and proactively collaborated with state and federal law enforcement agencies. She spearheaded investigations into human and drug trafficking, gangs, violent crimes, public corruption, and fraud, and demonstrated a commitment to fighting the ongoing opioid epidemic ravaging our communities. She led a criminal justice reform initiative in one of our country's most dangerous cities through the use of data, technology, and evidence-based practices that transformed the Camden, New Jersey police department, built trust between the community and the police, and ultimately reduced violent crimes by more than 40% in one year.

During her time as a federal prosecutor, she partnered with numerous U.S. Attorney Offices to prosecute some of the first sex trafficking and forced labor cases under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and received the U.S. Department of Justice Special Commendation for Outstanding Service and the U.S. Department of Justice Director's Award for her assiduous work prosecuting these human trafficking crimes.

Through these efforts, Ms. Milgram has gained the esteem of law enforcement professionals across the country. She has also established strong relationships with civil rights and community leaders. Her creative, insightful, and thoughtful approach to leadership and public safety as a state Attorney General and federal prosecutor are examples of how authorities and leaders in law enforcement can promote public safety while instilling in the American people a strong faith in government institutions and their decisions. Ms. Milgram is now poised to oversee the DEA's mission, including combating drug trafficking and distribution across the country – an issue which knows no party boundaries.

We urge the Committee to quickly process Ms. Milgram's nomination and urge the Senate to act expeditiously and confirm Ms. Milgram. On account of her reputation and experience, we firmly believe that she exemplifies all of the qualities to be a successful Administrator of the DEA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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