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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
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RE: Letter of Support: Probation and Parole Leaders for Amy L. Solomon to Serve as
Asst Atty General, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

Dear Senators Schumer, McConnell, Durbin and Grassley:

This letter is to express categorical support for Ms. Amy L. Solomon to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (USDJ). A career practitioner and administrator in community supervision (probation, parole, pretrial) and now Executive Director/CEO of the American Probation and Parole Association, I, along with staff, a 15-member Board of Directors, and 40,000 members (part of the 90,000 community supervision workforce) value the vitally important work of OJP.

That is why the appointment of Ms. Solomon is crucial. Her outstanding justice system experience and career-long commitment have yielded a steadfast focus on developing initiatives that improve the system – espousing public safety for all of us. She is highly revered as a smart, ethical thought leader who is excellent at sharing knowledge and using her insights to design strategies to expand practices that produce good outcomes for millions of system-involved youth and adults returning home as well as society as a whole.

Ms. Solomon possesses the core competencies and qualities needed to build a just and equitable system. A proven collaborator, she will lead bipartisan reentry efforts to shape a better tomorrow. She will ensure the supportive services offered by the USDJ are geared towards justice system transformation. After all, our goal is positive outcomes—a goal that is not as elusive as we acquire more empirical information, become more adept at effective interventions, and look to great leaders like Ms. Solomon.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support of Amy L. Solomon to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. No doubt this stellar leader and champion of change will execute her duties with dignity, morality, respect, and the intellect to advocate for a society where public safety and fairness are of the utmost importance.

Sincerely,

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