

May 21, 2021

The Honorable Charles B. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chair, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Nomination of Kenneth Allen Polite, Jr. to be the
Assistant Attorney General for the United States
Department of Justice's Criminal Division**

Dear Senators Schumer, McConnell, Durbin, and Grassley:

The undersigned are current and former Assistant United States Attorneys who served with Kenneth Polite in the Southern District of New York. Kenneth is a fair, humble, and ethical person. He is a committed father and husband. He is an excellent lawyer, and a natural and inspiring leader. We support his nomination to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice without reservation.

At the Southern District of New York, Kenneth displayed the qualities that define a public servant committed to seeking justice: most importantly, the simple idea of doing the right things for the right reasons. Kenneth did just that. He was a vigorous advocate who always maintained empathy, prosecuting a wide array of offenses ranging from narcotics to organized crime to complex fraud. He was a skilled trial attorney—quick on his feet and with an immediate connection to juries. With his peers, Kenneth was generous with both his time and judgment and was always there to lend a hand or be a sounding board. He also brought a nuanced view of the law, facts, and policy, with a focus on the practical consequences of the responsibility of federal prosecution. He demonstrated a consistent awareness that his actions affected real people, whether victims, defendants, or the community at large.

Kenneth is a native of New Orleans, and he and his family returned there after his service in New York. Following a few years in private practice, Kenneth was nominated to be the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. We were proud, and some of us traveled to New Orleans for his swearing-in. The auditorium was filled to capacity and we witnessed firsthand a leader committed to

the community and ready to lead an Office to excellence. As United States Attorney, he established a public integrity unit and prosecuted gang violence, health care fraud, human trafficking, civil rights violations, and public corruption. He sought to improve transparency between the public and those who serve in new and progressive ways. For example, he shared Pretrial Risk Assessments with defense attorneys, decreasing unnecessary pretrial detention, and he dedicated resources to affirmative crime-prevention work, including focusing on mentoring at-risk youth and improving reentry opportunities for incarcerated men and women. Kenneth was a true leader in Louisiana, turning his Office into a model for the country.

After stepping down as United States Attorney, Kenneth has worked both in-house and at a large firm in Philadelphia, where his wife teaches and leads the Division of General Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania. While doing so, he has continued to stay involved in public service and with the City of New Orleans and has continued to impress all who work with him.

The Department of Justice is known for having produced some of the finest public servants and attorneys in the country. Kenneth is among the best of those lawyers and we are confident the Criminal Division will thrive under Kenneth's leadership. Now more than ever, the Criminal Division must evolve and adapt to new criminal threats in order to serve the public in an ever-changing world. Kenneth is the right person to guide that evolution. He will be fair, just, and innovative.

We urge the confirmation of Kenneth Polite as the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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