



March 1, 2021

Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re.: Nomination of Vanita Gupta to be Associate Attorney General (PN79-4-117)

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

People of faith care deeply about civil rights and voting rights. As Catholics, our faith teaches that we have an obligation to participate in the process of governance. This includes being counted in the Census and voting in elections. Ensuring fairness and equal representation in these political processes is a top priority for our organizations and our churches around the country.

President Biden's nominee for the position of associate attorney general, **Vanita Gupta**, upholds these same core principles of fairness, justice, and equal participation in politics. We write today to share our experience of Vanita Gupta's interaction with members of the faith community in Washington, D.C. We have worked with Ms. Gupta at the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCHR) since 2017. Ms. Gupta has been a thoughtful, creative and committed partner to us on the issues of civil and human rights.

In 2017, Ms Gupta sought out the faith community to collaborate on the 2020 Census. Her smart, saavy approach to inclusion was critical in getting many of our congregations involved in securing the count. In this more than two year project, faith communities were fully engaged and treated with respect and integrity.

A second area of collaboration has been ensuring the integrity of our elections. Ms. Gupta worked in the faith community to protect voter registration and voter turn out and ensure that all voters have what they need to successfully cast their vote. Again Ms. Gupta was respectful, engaging, and understanding of the dynamics of our churches.

Based on our experience, we know Vanita Gupta is a partner of the faith community and supportive of the values of fairness and participation that we hold.

Sincerely,

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