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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the Correctional Leaders Association (CLA), we write to express support for the confirmation of Amy Solomon to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

CLA is a national organization representing the correctional executives who lead over 400,000 correctional professionals and are responsible for over eight million incarcerated individuals, probationers, and parolees. Our members include correctional administrators for all 50 states, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, four territories, four large urban jails, and components of military corrections.

I, and my correctional colleagues, have developed a positive relationship with Ms. Solomon through her support for justice reinvestment initiatives, reentry, Pell reinstatement and corrections reform. We have had the pleasure of hearing her present at justice-related conferences and events and give voice to programs designed to heighten public safety.

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As you may know, Amy Solomon has devoted her entire career to public service both in public and private capacities. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience managing public portfolios in support of public safety. In addition to her many contributions, she exhibits a logical, compassionate, balanced approach to decision making. Much of the work CLA has performed through partnerships with other non-profit organizations has been supported by agencies like the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Arnold Ventures; two organizations Ms. Solomon has been affiliated with in the past and present. For these reasons, we are supporting her confirmation for this position.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider our support for Ms. Solomon. I hope that it provides sufficient reason for your support of her confirmation as well. I may be reached at 573-526-6607 or <u>Anne.Precyth@doc.mo.gov</u> if you have any questions.

Regards,

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