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THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

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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 Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, I write to voice our strong support for Amy Solomon's nomination as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs in the United States Department of Justice.

The Council of State Governments is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization serving all three branches of government. We combine the power of a membership association with policy and research expertise to provide strategies that increase public safety while also strengthening our communities. Our policy goals are to break the cycle of incarceration, advance health, opportunity and equity, and to use data to improve safety and justice.

Amy's deep expertise in criminal justice and public safety has been invaluable in supporting the goals of the CSG Justice Center and state leaders nationwide. She is a collaborator, working with institutions and individuals on all sides of the justice system, including law enforcement, courts, corrections, and victims organizations. Her extensive knowledge of the role of the federal government in fostering improvement in the state and local court systems makes her an important partner to our organization.

Her long-term work on addressing the over-representation of individuals with mental illness in the criminal justice system through the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) has been pivotal to states. This program provides funding to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses who come into contact with the criminal justice system. Amy's work has also helped us elevate nationwide best practices for reducing recidivism, supporting safe reentry, and strengthening community trust.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of support for Amy L. Solomon to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. Her leadership capabilities and expertise make her an excellent choice to advocate for the improvement of the criminal justice system and the enhancement of safety for all communities.

Sincerely,

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Megan Quattlebaum
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