

**Crime Victims/Survivors, Victim Services & Mental Health  
Professionals' Support for Amy L. Solomon to Serve as Assistant  
Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs**

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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  
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Dear Senators Schumer, McConnell, Durbin and Grassley:

We are writing to express our strongest support for Ms. Amy Solomon to serve as the U.S. Department of Justice's Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Many of us have personal experience as victims and survivors of crime and all have long been advocates for and direct providers of critical assistance services to crime victims and survivors. And many of us have had the opportunity to personally work with Ms. Solomon across her 30-year career span of outstanding public service. Not only is she a dedicated public servant, but she is also a strong advocate for services and rights for victims and survivors of crime.

As we all know, the vast majority of crimes that directly threaten the lives and well-being of Americans are committed and enforced at the state, local and Tribal levels. The principal role of the federal government is to provide leadership and support—financial, programmatic and technical—to those on the front lines of public safety. The Office of Justice Programs is the federal government's primary agency to partner with its stakeholders in implementing the goal "of improving the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal and juvenile just systems." OJP does this through the awarding of billions of dollars of financial support, providing training and technical assistance, and undertaking relevant research and statistical data collection and analysis.

Ms. Solomon's impressive vitae literally *defines* what public service to improve individual and community safety should be. Her important work in the nonprofit sector, entities that promote evidence-based approaches to public safety, and various offices within the USDOJ has always been collaborative, inclusive, inspiring and crime survivor-centered. Ms. Solomon is a widely respected leader in the disciplines of criminal justice, corrections, victim/survivor services, reentry and public safety. Her service as the Executive Director of the Federal Interagency Reentry Council under the Obama Administration, and as Vice President of Criminal Justice at Arnold Ventures, resulted in the strengthening of corrections and reentry policies and programs

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that always included consideration of the needs of crime survivors, and that recognized and sought to mitigate the cycle of violence that is too often foundational to delinquent and criminal behavior.

As many of us know, Ms. Solomon's strong leadership and visionary skills are inspiring and impressive. She is well known and respected for expanding the traditional roster of key stakeholders in public safety to include representatives from traditionally-underserved and marginalized communities, and to build trust and opportunities for critical ongoing and developing partnerships.

Crime victims and survivors, and those who serve them, are too often left out of important policy and programmatic discussions related to criminal and juvenile justice and public safety. This decades-long oversight has already begun to be remedied through Ms. Solomon's strong leadership at OJP, and across the entire USDOJ, through her commitment to collaboration that strengthens rights and services for victims and survivors of crime and their families.

There is *nobody* who is more qualified to fulfill the important and challenging role of the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. Her three decades of work that has consistently recognized the important needs of crime survivors, and her proactive efforts that have ensured that they and the advocates who assist them have a critical role in policies and programs that affect them, are the very foundation of our strong support for her nomination.

We appreciate your consideration of our letter of support for Amy Solomon to serve as OJP's Assistant Attorney General, and urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to quickly confirm her so she can continue to promote public safety and, at the same time, elevate the importance of individual safety to crime victims, survivors and community members across our nation.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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