

July 23, 2021

The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

As current and former law enforcement officials at the local, state, and federal levels, we write to urge the United States Senate to confirm Hampton Dellinger as an Assistant Attorney General overseeing the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy (OLP). The undersigned include current and former United States Attorneys, North Carolina Attorneys General, and North Carolina District Attorneys and Sheriffs.

Our first-hand experience promoting public safety gives us an understanding of the skills, intellect, integrity, and dedication necessary for high-ranking officials charged with keeping Americans safe. We also know Hampton Dellinger. Many of us have known Hampton for decades, and several of us worked with him personally in North Carolina when he served as Deputy Attorney General and then as Chief Legal Counsel in the Governor's office. During that time and since, Mr. Dellinger has shown that he understands the challenges faced by law enforcement officers and officials and he takes those concerns into account when developing and implementing policy. In these roles, Mr. Dellinger gained vital experience as a legal advisor; he also assisted with the appointment process for North Carolina judges, an experience that he will bring to bear as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy, where he will vet nominations for the federal judiciary, if confirmed.

Mr. Dellinger has also made important contributions as a private sector litigator and commentator on complex legal topics, demonstrating his strong communication skills. Since his service in North Carolina, he has represented companies large and small in complex cases, as well as a significant number of clients on a pro bono basis. He has also provided helpful commentary on topics ranging from pursuing public corruption cases to effective local law enforcement strategies.

Throughout his career, Mr. Dellinger has fought to defend the rights of all Americans. He will continue to do so as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy, bringing a high level of rigor and seriousness to the position. We are confident that Mr. Dellinger will make an outstanding Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy. We urge the Senate to confirm him as quickly as possible, so that he can step into his new role and fulfill his duties faithfully, as we know he will.

Sincerely,

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