

January 6, 2025

Hon. Chuck Grassley  
Hon. Dick Durbin  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Pamela J. Bondi as Attorney General of the United States

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are former Department of Justice officials in presidential administrations of both political parties. We write to express our strong and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Pamela J. Bondi to serve as Attorney General of the United States.

Attorney General Bondi's track record as a state attorney general and line prosecutor shows the no-nonsense, law-and-order, pro-law enforcement approach she will bring to the Department of Justice. It is all too rare for senior Justice Department officials—much less Attorneys General—to have such a wealth of experience in the day-to-day work of keeping our communities safe. As a career prosecutor, Attorney General Bondi will be ready from the first day on the job to fight on behalf of the American people to reduce crime, tackle the opioid crisis, back the women and men in blue, and restore credibility to the Department of Justice.

As the first woman to serve as Attorney General of Florida, Attorney General Bondi worked tirelessly to protect every resident of Florida. She was on the front lines of the effort to combat the opioid epidemic by aggressively prosecuting opioid pill mills and those trafficking in synthetic drugs. She built a national reputation for her work to end human trafficking and spearheaded the effort to clear Florida's backlog of unprocessed sexual assault kits.

Attorney General Bondi also achieved major consumer protection victories on behalf of Floridians and all Americans. She led the effort to bring relief to those harmed by the 2008 financial crisis by securing the National Mortgage Settlement that ultimately resulted in \$56 billion in compensation to victims. Attorney General Bondi also sued to hold British Petroleum (BP) and other responsible parties accountable in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, ultimately securing a settlement of more than \$2 billion in economic relief for Florida alone.

As an Assistant State Attorney in her native Hillsborough County, Florida, Attorney General Bondi prosecuted violent crimes, including drug traffickers, and other high-profile cases for nearly two decades. She understands the important work that line prosecutors at the local, state, and federal level play in keeping our communities safe. Just as importantly, she recognizes that none of this would be possible without the dedication and bravery of law enforcement. As Attorney General, she will back the women and men in blue and further enhance President Trump's pro-law enforcement record.

Some of us have worked directly with Attorney General Bondi during her time in office and can personally attest to her integrity and devotion to the rule of law. Many more of us know and admire her well-earned reputation from her long and accomplished career in government service in Florida, her litigation and advocacy on the national stage, and her demonstrated courage as a lawyer. As former DOJ officials, we know firsthand the challenges she will face as Attorney General, and we also know she is up to the job.

We firmly believe the Justice Department and the Nation will benefit from Attorney General Bondi's leadership. We urge you in the strongest manner possible to confirm her as the next Attorney General of the United States.

Respectfully, [1]

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[1] Permission to include each signatory's name received via electronic submission.