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Re: Confirmation of Harmeet K. Dhillon to be Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights

Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

As woman leaders and members of the Republican National Lawyers Association (“RNLA”), we strongly recommend that the Senate Judiciary Committee favorably report the nomination of Harmeet K. Dhillon to serve as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice.

We have been privileged to learn from and observe Harmeet’s career of protecting civil rights and raising the bar for advocacy on behalf of underrepresented or unpopular groups. As a minority woman who has become a leader in her fields of civil rights law, First Amendment law, and election law, she has been an inspiration to a generation of young lawyers, particularly young women.

Throughout her career, Harmeet has championed the rights of women and worked both through the law and through her community to help ensure the flourishing of women. During law school, she was a domestic violence advocate and in private practice, she has provided pro bono legal services to victims of domestic violence and victims of sex trafficking. She has represented and championed those investigating the harm done to women and unborn children through abortion, those whose speech or religious activities have been suppressed by the government, women seeking not to compete against biological men in sports, and women who have been victimized by the left’s radical gender ideology.

Harmeet served as a volunteer director for the Support Network for Battered Women and as a volunteer director of the California Women’s Leadership Association. In addition to recognition and awards as a lawyer nationally, she has been recognized as a Woman Leader in Law by a California legal publication and Woman of the Year by the California Women’s Leadership Association. She has also been a leader in the Republican Party both in California and nationally, inspiring women to be active participants in the party and encouraging them to make their voices heard on issues of importance.

Harmeet is a groundbreaking minority woman in the law, and she has demonstrated hard work, zealous advocacy, strategic thinking, and a deep concern for people who have been oppressed or treated unjustly, or whose rights have been suppressed. Her distinguished career is a result of these qualities and not because she is a woman or a minority who has been elevated beyond her abilities.

For these reasons and more, Harmeet K. Dhillon would be a skilled and well-qualified leader of the Civil Rights Division at the Justice Department who would lead the Division to fulfill its mission of “uphold[ing] the civil and constitutional rights of all Americans, particularly some of the most vulnerable members of our society,” and “enforc[ing] federal statutes prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, disability, religion, familial status, military status and national origin.” As woman lawyers, we recommend that the Committee vote to report favorably her nomination to the full Senate.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Women Leaders and Members of the RNLA*

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