

February 23, 2025

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Re.: Aaron F. Reitz, Nominee for Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Legal Policy  
at the Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

We the undersigned are over 80 of Aaron Reitz's former colleagues at the Office of the Attorney General of Texas (OAG), where Aaron was employed from October 2020 through May 2023. Some of us still work at OAG. Others have moved on. But each of us directly supervised, were supervised by, were peers of, or otherwise worked very regularly with Aaron. Together we share our enthusiastic support for the Senate's confirmation of Aaron as Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy (OLP).

Aaron is eminently qualified to lead OLP. During his time at OAG, Aaron partnered with all of us to serve as the Deputy Attorney General for Legal Strategy—our Agency's "offensive coordinator"—where he planned, staffed, and executed the Agency's most consequential affirmative lawsuits and legal initiatives on matters including immigration, federal-state-local relations, election integrity, voting rights, Big Tech, consumer protection, energy, and the U.S. and Texas Constitutions. He showed himself to be a courageous and solutions-oriented thinker, a compelling written and oral communicator, a principled and loyal leader, and a creative and serious practitioner of the law.

But what makes Aaron particularly well suited to hold a senior post at the Justice Department is his character. Some of us spent nearly every day of every week for Aaron's full tenure at OAG. Others worked with him for only a portion of that time. But however long our service with Aaron lasted, we know that he's trustworthy, honest, faithful, dependable, humble, and upright. He's a consummate professional. And he's a fundamentally good and decent man who treats everyone fairly and with dignity.

We are proud of Aaron and excited for him and his family to embark upon this opportunity to serve our country. He's the right person for the job. We encourage the Judiciary Committee to support Aaron's nomination, and for the full Senate to vote to confirm him.

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