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March 15, 2013

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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U.S. Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
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Re: Nomination of Ms. Karol Virginia Mason as Assistant Attorney General, Justice Programs

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Minority Member Grassley:

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Karol Virginia Mason as the new Assistant Attorney General for Justice Programs in the Department of Justice (DOJ). Ms. Mason previously served as a Deputy Associate Attorney General where she oversaw several key offices including the Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women, and the Community Oriented Policing Services Office.

Ms. Mason was also instrumental in implementing the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) process, a streamline process for Tribal communities to request department funding to various public safety initiatives. The CTAS process has saved time and resources, which helped the Department of Justice gain a better understanding of Tribes' overall public safety needs. Ms. Mason understands the unique relationship that exists between Tribal governments and the United States and seeks to build partnerships where there are none.

It is the recommendation of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe that you approve the appointment of Ms. Mason to Assistant Attorney General for Justice Programs. We believe her experience and knowledge will be an asset to the cadre of Assistant Attorneys General at the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Ron Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe