



February 23, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: Letter in Support of Merrick Garland, nominee for Attorney General

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Chairman Durbin, Minority Leader McConnell, and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to you to offer my enthusiastic support for Judge Merrick Garland, President Biden's nominee to be the Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice.

Having served 15 years as a federal prosecutor, I understand the importance of an impartial, independent and credible Justice Department. Judge Garland's extensive experience in the federal judiciary, commitment to fairness and impartiality, and stellar reputation and legal expertise position him to lead the Department into a new era of fairness and justice.

During Judge Garland's 23 years of service on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, he has earned a reputation for his thoughtful, impartial commitment to justice. I am confident that his leadership and vision would restore trust in the Justice Department.

Since my time as a federal prosecutor, I have had the privilege of serving as Executive Director of [Fair and Just Prosecution](#) (FJP). FJP works with a network of state and local elected prosecutors from around the country, and members of our network often coordinate with the Justice Department and U.S. Attorneys. As we continue to strive for a criminal legal system that is equitable and effective, it is essential that we have federal leaders and partners like Judge Garland who embrace, and will take the lead in, advancing these objectives.

In representing the United States in all federal prosecutions, operating the Bureau of Prisons, and working alongside local jurisdictions, the Department of Justice guides our national approach to prosecution. The Department is at its best when it is independent from political influences. Judge Garland's experience in the federal judiciary positions him to restore the Justice Department's mandate to pursue objectivity and fairness. Judge Garland would also bring a needed commitment to the rule of law and the pursuit of justice as we grapple as a nation with a multitude of challenges including the impact of the novel coronavirus on our justice system and those behind bars, mounting calls to reckon with longstanding issues around systemic racism, and the dire need to address police accountability and oversight.

I encourage you to swiftly confirm Judge Garland immediately upon the conclusion of this week's hearings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miriam Krinsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Miriam Krinsky
Executive Director
Fair and Just Prosecution