



FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

4829 West Lane ■ Bethesda, MD 20814
Phone: 202-870-5503 ■ www.fleoa.org

February 19, 2021

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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We write to you today to express our support for the nomination of Vanita Gupta as the next Associate Attorney General of the United States. The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) is the largest nonpartisan, nonprofit professional organization representing federal law enforcement officers. FLEOA represents more than 30,000 federal law enforcement officers from 65 different agencies.

In an effort to best serve our members, FLEOA conducts careful analysis of candidates set to fill critical roles that affect the wellbeing of our constituents. Accordingly, this support is always given to the best candidate – regardless of any political affiliation.

A careful review of Ms. Gupta's professional work history reveals a remarkable career dedicated toward the advancement of a shared American value: equal justice under the law. Ms. Gupta is an experienced leader and litigator who has devoted her entire career to civil rights work. Most recently, from October 15, 2014, to January 20, 2017, she served as Acting Assistant Attorney General and head of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. Prior to joining the Justice Department, Gupta served as Deputy Legal Director and the Director of the Center for Justice at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In addition to managing a robust litigation docket at the ACLU, Gupta created and led the organization's Smart Justice Campaign aimed at ending mass incarceration while keeping communities safe.

In conclusion, it is my great pleasure to write this letter of support. Her dedication toward the advancement of civil rights should go a long way towards restoring the public trust. Ms. Gupta has a proven history of working with law enforcement agencies, corrections officials, advocates, stakeholders, and elected officials across the political spectrum to build collaborative support for pretrial, drug, and sentencing policies that make our federal, state, and local criminal justice systems more just. For all these reasons and more, FLEOA requests Vanita Gupta be confirmed the United States Department of Justice Associate Attorney General.

If we can be of any additional assistance, feel free to contact us at fleoa@fleoa.org.

Sincerely,

Larry Cosme

National President
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

Representing Members From:

AGRICULTURE
OIG
Forest Service
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
COMMERCE
Export Enforcement
OIG
NOAA Fisheries Law Enforcemer
DEFENSE
Air Force - OSI
Army - CID
Defense Criminal Investigative Service
Naval Criminal Investigative Service
OIG
Police
EDUCATION - OIG
ENERGY
National Nuclear Security Administration
OIG
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
CID
OIG
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
OIG
FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - OIG
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
Federal Reserve Board
Federal Reserve Police
FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION - OIG
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Food & Drug Administration
OIG
HOMELAND SECURITY
Border Patrol
Coast Guard Investigative Service
Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Customs & Border Protection
Federal Air Marshal Service
Federal Protective Service
U.S. Secret Service
Transportation Security Administration
OIG
HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT - OIG
INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
Fish & Wildlife Service
National Park Service
OIG
U.S. Park Police
JUSTICE
Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
Bureau of Prisons
Drug Enforcement Administration
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Marshals Service
OIG
U.S. Attorney's Office-CI
LABOR - OIG
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION - OIG
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION - OIG
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY - Police
OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT - OIG
PENTAGON FORCE PROTECTION AGENCY
POSTAL SERVICE
Postal Inspection
Postal OIG
Postal Police
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION - OIG
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - OIG
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE - OIG
STATE DEPARTMENT
Bureau of Diplomatic Security
OIG
TRANSPORTATION - OIG
TREASURY
FINCEN & OIG
Internal Revenue Service - CI
Mint
TIGTA
U.S. CAPITOL POLICE
U.S. PROBATION & PRETRIAL SERVICES
U.S. SUPREME COURT POLICE
VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Inspector General
VA Police
RETIRES
National President
LAZARO "LARRY" COSME
National Executive Vice President
MATHEW SILVERMAN
Vice President - Operations
ENID FEBUS
Vice President - Agency Affairs
BRUCE BUTLER
Vice President - Membership Benefits
WILLIAM HAMPSTEAD
National Secretary
JANISSETT SANTOS
National Treasurer
MADELINE GORRA
Vice President - Legislative Affairs
DOMINICK STOKES
Immediate Past President
NATHAN CATURA
Executive Director
DONALD MIHALEK
National Chapters Director
MARK HEINBACH
National Awards Director
ELIZABETH MCALEER
National Recruitment Director
WILLIAM BELLER
Vice President - Development and Program
MICHAEL DILLINGER
Retirement Director
STAN SCHWARTZ
Public Affairs Officer
NATALIA CASTRO