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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chair
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
211 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
United States Senate
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Re: Nomination of Kenneth A. Polite to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We are writing to express our strong support for Kenneth A. Polite's nomination to become the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). We are retired Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agents who held executive management positions in the FBI's New Orleans Field Office during Kenneth's tenure as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana (USAO). We have known and worked with Kenneth during the prosecution of numerous criminal matters as well as community outreach efforts across southeastern Louisiana. We also know Kenneth personally and regard him as a highly professional, conscientious, intelligent and dedicated public servant that anyone would value as their neighbor or colleague. Both of us believe he will once again be a tremendous asset to the DOJ and an outstanding Assistant Attorney General.

During his tenure as U.S. Attorney, Kenneth oversaw the prosecution of multiple violent drug gangs, child pornographers, healthcare fraudsters including physicians and staff, human traffickers, civil rights violators and numerous public officials including the former mayor of New Orleans and two former district attorneys. Many of these cases, particularly the corruption and civil rights matters, were difficult, time consuming and personnel intensive prosecutions.

It is, therefore, disheartening to learn that Kenneth's leadership has been criticized given that he has pursued justice for all victims whenever possible. This criticism involves one case in particular which had been previously declined for prosecution. Kenneth took the extraordinary step of reopening the case and bringing it to a successful conclusion which included a guilty plea and jail term. In our many years with the FBI, we have not seen such an action from a U.S. Attorney.

We believe Kenneth to be an exceptionally qualified candidate for the position of Assistant Attorney General. He will be a credit to the DOJ as well as the overarching interests of justice in

the United States. Kenneth is a truly good, decent and fair-minded public servant who will guide the criminal division impartially with only the facts and law as his guide.

For all of the above reasons, we strongly recommend Kenneth and urge you to support his confirmation to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice.

Yours Sincerely,

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