

**September 27, 2022**

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

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority 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 Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member Committee on the  
Judiciary, United States Senate  
Washington, DC 2051

RE: Law Enforcement Professionals' Support for Amy L. Solomon to Serve as Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

Dear Senators Schumer, McConnell, Durbin and Grassley:

We are writing to express our strong support for Ms. Amy Solomon to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) within the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ). Collectively, we have served as law enforcement leaders, current and former prosecutors, former judges, and former Justice Department officials.

All of us are familiar with Ms. Solomon's vast experience and skillset over her 30-year public service career, and many of us have worked directly with her during that time period. Ms. Solomon is a dedicated public servant, who is committed to advancing public safety, safely reducing overreliance on incarceration, and supporting professionals like us, who have similarly dedicated our careers to making our communities safer and more just.

The Office of Justice Programs is the primary grantmaking entity within the USDOJ, supporting crime-fighting efforts and best practices at the state, local, and Tribal levels. Our communities need the support of OJP in making funding available and best practices accessible, in order to implement proven and innovative strategies that keep our communities safe and reduce unnecessary incarceration. This is Ms. Solomon's third time working at OJP, equipping her with a deep understanding of the Federal government's ability and opportunities to support our local communities' law enforcement and criminal justice professionals.

Ms. Solomon has proven herself to be a collaborative and thoughtful partner, who engages local police chiefs and prosecutors, as well as national law enforcement organizations, victims/survivors, and other justice system stakeholders. Throughout her career, she has been a leader in bipartisan reentry efforts to help people safely and successfully return to their home communities following a period of incarceration.

Without reservation, we support Ms. Solomon's expeditious confirmation for this essential role. We know that Ms. Solomon will execute her duties as OJP's Assistant Attorney General with honor and integrity, and that our communities will be safer, more just, and better supported because of her leadership.

We appreciate your consideration of our letter of support for Amy Solomon to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs.

Sincerely,

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Former Police Chief, Houston, Texas  
Former Police Chief, Austin, Texas  
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