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The Honorable Dick Durbin
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), I write to express support for the nomination of Vanita Gupta to serve as Associate Attorney General for the United States Department of Justice. The MCSA is a professional law enforcement association of the 103 largest elected sheriffs' offices in the nation, representing over 120 million citizens.

The MCSA Executive Board recently discussed with Ms. Gupta some of our concerns regarding challenges and issues confronting our members. During our meetings, Ms. Gupta emphasized that she does not support efforts to "defund the police." She expressed a desire to provide resources to improve the criminal justice system, including supporting law enforcement's efforts to better serve those with mental health and substance abuse issues, reduce recidivism, and increase training to improve interactions with the communities they serve.

Ms. Gupta voiced a strong willingness to collaborate with state and local law enforcement on issues that will impact our efforts to keep our communities safe. We found her to be open-minded and collaborative, even in areas we disagreed.

The MCSA urges the Committee and members of the Senate to swiftly confirm Ms. Gupta as the next Associate Attorney General of the United States.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, President
Major County Sheriffs of America

cc: Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Senate Committee on the Judiciary