

March 4, 2017

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write to express our support for Rachel Brand's nomination to become Associate Attorney General of the United States. Over the years, we have worked with Rachel in various capacities. While many of us have profound disagreements with the Trump Administration and its policies, we believe that she will perform her duties in the finest traditions of the Department of Justice—with honesty, integrity, and respect for the rule of law.

Rachel graduated from Harvard Law School in 1998, and served as a law clerk for Justice Charles Fried of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States. She has held appointed positions in both Republican and Democratic administrations, serving as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy in the Bush Administration, and as a member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board in the Obama Administration. Additionally, she worked as an attorney at the firm Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP and was Vice President at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Litigation Center. She currently serves as Associate Professor at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University.

We are sure that during the Senate's examination of her nomination, Rachel will demonstrate the honesty and open-mindedness that she has exhibited throughout her career. Rachel is the kind of nominee to the Executive Branch that the Senate should confirm.

Sincerely,

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