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Chairman Lindsey Graham 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein,

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) we write to express our support for the nomination of William Barr as the next Attorney General of the United States. His service and knowledgeable experience within the field of criminal justice makes him a highly qualified candidate.

Expected to lead the U.S. Department of Justice on issues from tackling complex organized crime and cyber-threats, to sophisticated fraud and terrorism, the Attorney General of the United States requires not only a strong command of all justice concerns, but the ability to work cooperatively and closely with a broad community of law enforcement agencies and leaders across the country.

General Barr has been a strong advocate for law enforcement and has a successful track record from his tenure as the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and head of the Office of Legal Counsel. The General oversaw smart-on-crime initiatives that contributed to the decrease in violent crime in the early 90s and helped implement the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). General Barr is known for his thoughtful approach and we are confident he will be an honest broker and reliable partner for local law enforcement.

As an association of elected sheriffs representing our nation's largest counties with populations of 500,000 people or more, serving over 100 million Americans, we seek to be a positive source of ideas and solutions and General Barr has already made a direct effort to establish a candid and open relationship with the Major County Sheriffs of America.

The MCSA urges the Committee and members of the Senate to swiftly confirm General William Barr's nomination so we may collectively work to protect our communities and follow the rule of law.

Very Respectfully,

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