

April 20, 2015

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Cono Namorato to be Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division
of the Department of Justice

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

We have served as Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division (or Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division), as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division, as the Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, or as the Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service (or as Acting Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service) in the administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, William Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama. We write in strong support of the nomination of Cono Namorato to be Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division of the Department of Justice.

Some of us have worked alongside Cono Namorato as co-counsel; some have appeared opposite him in cases; some have worked with him in various professional organizations; each of us is personally familiar with and attest to his experience, integrity and strong capabilities to lead the Tax Division, his exceptional work ethic, his calm demeanor, and his well-deserved reputation as a leading member of the civil and criminal tax bar in the United States.

Cono Namorato can and, if confirmed, will carry out the crucial mission assigned to the Tax Division, chiefly to enforce the nation's tax laws fully, fairly, and consistently, through both criminal and civil litigation. His leadership will promote voluntary compliance with the tax laws, maintain public confidence in the integrity of the tax system, and promote the sound development of the law. Cono Namorato will encourage and maintain the integrity, credibility and traditions of the office that the Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division leads. We each endorse and fully support the confirmation of Cono Namorato and urge the Senate to promptly confirm his appointment as the next Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division.

Respectfully Submitted,

**THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE SIGNED ON TO THIS LETTER IN THEIR
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Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Tax Division, 1993-1999

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