



March 23, 2021

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Ms. Vanita Gupta as Associate Attorney General. As you are probably aware, Ms. Gupta possesses immense credibility among law enforcement leaders and community leaders because of her decades long dedication to justice and fairness-related issues.

Perhaps less known is her commitment to the military and veteran community. Ms. Gupta fought to update the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; she protected the employment of National Guard members when they were deployed; increased access to services for those suffering from post traumatic stress; and she promoted the Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act ensuring that military members and their families are able to take part in the democratic process even while defending it aboard.

Just last year, Ms. Gupta joined me in fighting to uphold the right to vote freely and fairly by advocating for The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) which requires that states and territories allow certain groups of citizens to vote absentee in federal elections -- a group that includes service members, their families, and citizens who are living outside of the U.S.

Ms. Gupta is eminently qualified to serve and, on behalf of our 400,000+ members, I strongly support her nomination and encourage the Senate Judiciary Committee to unanimously advance her nomination to the full Senate, and for every member of the Senate to stand with veterans in voting to confirm her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Butler', is written over the typed name and title.

Jeremy Butler
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