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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
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September 2, 2021

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to offer my strong support for President Biden's nomination of Elizabeth Prelogar to be Solicitor General of the United States.

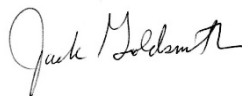
I first got to know Ms. Prelogar when she was a star student in first-year Civil Procedure in 2005. In the classroom and on her exam, Ms. Prelogar was extremely intelligent and thoughtful, and over the course of the term she mastered Civil Procedure. She went on to have a stellar tenure at Harvard Law School. Among other accomplishments, she was an articles editor on the Harvard Law Review, an Ames Moot Court Finalist, and she graduated *magna cum laude*. After graduation, Ms. Prelogar served as a law clerk to then-Judge Merrick Garland and to Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan. After a stint in private practice, she served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General for six years. She then spent two years as an Assistant Special Counsel in the Special Counsel's Office for the Russia Investigation, before returning to serve as Acting Solicitor General until President Biden nominated her to serve as Solicitor General.

Ms. Prelogar is an outstanding nominee for this important job. She has significant government experience, including two years as a clerk in the institution, the Supreme Court, that is the primary focus of the Solicitor General's work. More importantly, she has served for many years with distinction in the very Office she is nominated to lead. Ms. Prelogar has argued before the Supreme Court nine times, representing the government in the administrations of both Republican and Democratic presidents. On top of these important experiences, Ms. Prelogar is an

outstanding lawyer and a person of extraordinary personal and professional integrity. These qualities will serve her well in the many difficult legal judgments she will be required to make if confirmed.

For these reasons, I urge the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate to confirm Elizabeth Prelogar to serve as the Solicitor General of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack L. Goldsmith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally below the word "Sincerely,".

Jack L. Goldsmith