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The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
United States Senate Judiciary Committee
By Email Transmission to: Phillip_Brest@judiciary-dem.senate.gov and Michael_Fragosco@judiciary-rep.senate.gov

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of Anne Milgram's nomination by the President of the United States to serve as the administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and request your favorable consideration of her nomination. I have known General Milgram for nearly all of my life and served with her in cabinet-level positions in New Jersey government. For the past decade, we have worked closely together to help homeless children and youth at Covenant House, where General Milgram served until last month as a volunteer member of the Board of Directors and I serve as the president and chief executive officer.

General Milgram is a dynamic and thoughtful leader who has transformed the systems she has led, or influenced, by using data to better achieve critically important goals, including public safety and victim protection. During her service on the Board of Directors of Covenant House, General Milgram has helped us to strengthen our work fighting human trafficking across 31 cities in 6 countries, advising us on the development of our victimization diagnostic tools and shaping our ability to use data to expand our reach and better serve trafficking survivors. As Covenant House built over the past ten years one of the largest data sets on the experiences of children and youth facing homelessness in North and Central America, General Milgram coached us to mine and analyze the data to create the insights that have strengthened our programmatic services to more than 50,000 children and youth each year.

One of my favorite qualities about General Milgram is her reticence to accept conventional wisdom. She often and eagerly submits ideas and practices to ongoing, critical assessment – "What does the data say?" she asks. She is incredibly smart, and also humble, and able to examine her own and others' assumptions in light of new information. I can tell you as someone who has known her since childhood that she brings these qualities in abundance and is motivated by one thing above all others – a deep desire to serve the public interest well.

Thank you for your consideration of General Milgram's nomination and for your ongoing service to the nation.

Sincerely,

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