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The Honorable Richard Durbin Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Charles Grassley Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I write to express my support for the nomination of Mr. Kenneth Allen Polite, Jr. to lead the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division.

Mr. Polite's impressive professional record and remarkable academic success have wellequipped him for the role as director. He has proven excellence in both the private and the public sectors, and I am confident he will serve all Americans with honor and integrity.

Mr. Polite served my State and our Nation as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. His three years at the helm in New Orleans were extremely effective and without controversy. Mr. Polite was not only an effective crime fighter, but he was also an invaluable member of the community.

During his tenure as U.S. Attorney, I witnessed Mr. Polite's ability to enforce the law and to defend the interests of the United States according to the law. His leadership helped to prevent and control crime, and his ethics ensured fair and impartial administration of justice.

Mr. Polite's commitment to the rule of law and to public service are admirable. He is ready to serve and will do so with probity and character. I strongly support his nomination and encourage you to advance it.

Sincerely ouisiana Attorney General