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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), I write to express support for the nomination of Judge Merrick B. Garland to serve as Attorney General of the United States. The MCSA is a professional law enforcement association of the 103 largest elected sheriffs' offices in the nation, representing over 120 million citizens.

As elected officials dedicated to public safety, we value experience, aptitude, and expertise. Judge Garland's public service and demonstrated background within the field of criminal justice make him a highly qualified candidate. As a Federal prosecutor, he investigated and tried cases involving public corruption, drug trafficking, and fraud. Later, as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, he oversaw some of the Department's most significant prosecutions, including coordinating every aspect of the government's response to the Oklahoma City bombing.

The Attorney General of the United States requires not only a strong command of all justice areas, but also the ability to work cooperatively with a broad community of law enforcement agencies and leaders across the country. Judge Garland has cultivated a reputation as a consensus-builder. We believe he will strive to work closely with the public safety community, including the MCSA.

The MCSA urges the Committee and members of the Senate to swiftly confirm Judge Garland as the next Attorney General of the United States. MCSA would look forward to working with him to help protect our nation.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, President
Major County Sheriffs of America

cc: Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Senate Committee on the Judiciary