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MS. Gupta has the enthusiastic support of Military Families Speak Out, a national organization that represents thousands of military families across the country whose loved ones have served in the military since 9/11. She is admired by our organization for her steadfast support of our troops and their families and also for her willingness and ability to bring people together and provide the much needed leadership our veterans need at this time.

Ms. Gupta prioritized the needs of veterans by advocating for fair lending practices when she was head of the Civil Rights Division, which helped reduce veteran homelessness. This relates to her accomplishment of updating the Service Members Civil Relief Act to aid service members and their families who were overburdened by having to pay two rents while deployed and which also protected them from property loss and predatory practices that often resulted in the taking away of property from them while they were serving at home and abroad. Many members of the National Guard lost employment when they were deployed, but Ms Gupta was also diligent in her efforts to prevent unlawful employment discrimination and termination. We also commend her for her understanding the difficulty many veterans and military families often face as they try to access support services for themselves and their families, particularly those with PTSD. Ms Gupta made access for them easier through an initiative that coordinates services across departments.

While serving at the Justice Department, it should be noted that Ms. Gupta promoted the Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ensuring that those serving our country and their families stationed both here and abroad, have their vote counted in federal elections by absentee ballots. Furthermore, veterans and military families have benefitted from her outspoken efforts to maintain the infrastructure of the Post Office, one of the largest employers of veterans. Every day 330,000 veterans receive prescriptions in the mail and many of their lives depend on receiving them in a timely manner. We also appreciate her most recent work to ensure that our service members are protected from COVID scammers during the pandemic.

Ms. Gupta stands out as a nominee who really cares about our troops while they are deployed and when they return home. Her unwavering support for the military and their families makes her an ideal candidate to serve in the Justice Department and we strongly urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to confirm her appointment to the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

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