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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to convey my strong support for the nomination of Amy Solomon to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, and to urge that she be promptly confirmed.

I am the President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, which was founded nearly 60 years ago as a police college. Today, John Jay is known as the United Nations for justice issues, the place where difficult issues can be discussed and resolved respectfully. We are the place where people across the political spectrum and those on opposing sides of issues come to address challenging issues together, constructively.

I have known Amy since 2010, when she joined the Office of Justice Programs as a policy advisor for then Assistant Attorney General Laurie Robinson. From our first opportunity to work together, I have been impressed with Amy. That's why when I became the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs in 2009, I elevated Amy to be my principal policy advisor.

Amy is skilled in building bi-partisan support for work that creates safer communities. Amy led the cross-agency work to support the successful re-entry of people who were formally incarcerated back into their communities. She led efforts to support the children of people who are incarcerated. She understands how to partner with and listen to what communities need to create safety.

Amy is skilled in leading challenging conversations to consensus. This is a skill that is needed at the Office of Justice Programs, the Office responsible for supporting state and local governments in their quest to build safe and thriving communities.

From her years inside and outside of federal government service, Amy has built strong credibility among a range of stakeholders. The same groups of stakeholders who are critical to the success of the work funded by the Office of Justice Programs. Amy has strong relationships with funders who work alongside the Office of Justice Programs in many communities. Amy is well respected by governmental leaders from Governors, to Mayors, to Police Chiefs, to community organizations, all of whom are integral to the success of the work at the Office of Justice Programs.

The Office of Justice Programs, the Department of Justice and communities across the country will benefit from Amy's leadership. I urge the Committee to act favorably on Amy Solomon's nomination to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, and to move her swiftly to confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karol V. Mason".

Karol V. Mason
President