

July 23, 2021

Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Confirmation of Hampton Dellinger as AAG-OLP at DOJ

Dear Senators:

We write in support of nominee Hampton Dellinger's confirmation to the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice.

We support Mr. Dellinger because we know that he understands the importance of tribal sovereignty and of addressing the many challenging legal issues faced by tribal nations in the United States in a productive and creative manner. In the course of an impressive legal career, including service in North Carolina as its Deputy Attorney General and as the Governor's Chief Legal Counsel, Mr. Dellinger has worked on issues of significance to tribal nations, including supporting tribal self-government and economic development, the protection and repatriation of important tribal cultural resources, and public safety in Indian country. Mr. Dellinger understood as a high-ranking State official that affirming and supporting Tribal sovereignty would benefit and not undermine state interests, and he has maintained a strong interest in Tribal issues ever since. In particular, we know that at the Department of Justice Mr. Dellinger will be committed to working to address serious issues related to missing and murdered indigenous women and children.

We also know Mr. Dellinger will be a strong and important voice for diversifying the federal judiciary. During the course of his career, he has been committed to issues of equity and fairness, including working as a volunteer lawyer on civil and voting rights issues. He is an individual of great integrity, and has an unparalleled enthusiasm for the cause of justice and for bettering the lives of all citizens in this country.

We urge you to confirm Hampton Dellinger as Assistant Attorney General overseeing the Office of Legal Policy as promptly as possible.

Thank you for considering our views.

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