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Re: Attorney Generals support for the confirmation of William P. Barr

Dear Senators:

We write to encourage confirmation of William P. Barr as U.S. Attorney General. We believe him to be eminently qualified for numerous reasons, not least of which is that he served as Attorney General with distinction from 1991 to 1993. He received strong bipartisan accolades during the confirmation process and the unanimous support of the Senate.

Mr. Barr has a broad base of experience in public service and the private sector. His work has honed the skillsets necessary to tackle effectively the array of issues under the purview of the U.S. Department of Justice. He knows the agency, its responsibilities, and its impact in the lives of Americans. In short, he is a demonstrated leader, able to inspire others and bring out the best in those with whom he serves.

In reviewing Mr. Barr's extensive record of service and achievement, it is clear to us that he exemplifies two of the most crucial traits Americans look for in an Attorney General: independence and a commitment to the even-handed application of the law. His record shows he is willing to recognize limits to executive branch authority when his legal analysis concludes thusly. Just as Mr. Barr's stance on the separation of powers doctrine gives reassurance to us as state officials, so too ought it give reassurance to you as members of the federal legislative branch.

As state Attorneys General, upholding the rule of law and protecting public safety in our communities requires regular collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General. Mr. Barr has shown extraordinary interest in working with state legal and law enforcement agencies to combat violent crime and other threats to Americans. His actions show he views us as partners in public safety, knowing that we are more effective when we work together.

Mr. Barr has served his country with dedication and distinction, and we believe he will do so again as U.S. Attorney General. We urge your support for his nomination.

Sincerely,



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Louisiana Attorney General



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Montana Attorney General



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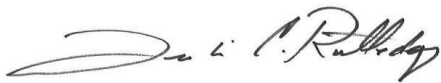
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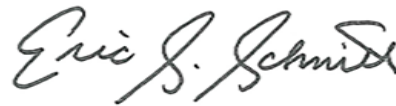
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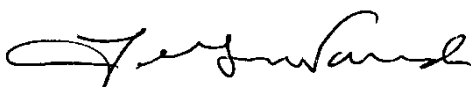
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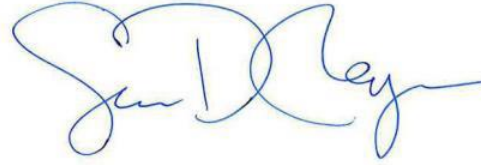
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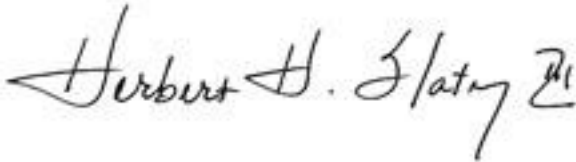
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