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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

I write to express my support for the nomination of Sally Quillian Yates to be the next Deputy Attorney General of the United States. I have known Sally through her exemplary service in the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia. She has served as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the past five years and served as an assistant United States Attorney for twenty years prior to becoming United States Attorney. Sally has served these past 25 years in the United States Attorney's Office with class, dignity and a high level of competence. Sally and her husband, Comer Yates, have been pillars of the community in Georgia for many years and their civic pursuits have no doubt made Georgia and Atlanta a better place.

Sally Yates' leadership in the United States Attorney's Office, both as United States Attorney and as a supervisor in that office, has had the residual effect of training many fine lawyers who have matriculated out into the practice of law here in Georgia. I have had the privilege of appointing attorneys who worked under Sally to various courts here in our State and I know of other lawyers who worked under Sally who are serving our community in many other fine ways.

I am particularly fond of the bipartisan support Sally has garnered over the years. Sally was hired in the United States Attorney's Office during the



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Reagan Administration and promoted within that office during the Clinton and George W. Bush administrations. She handled the high-level prosecutions of the Atlanta Olympics bomber and a former Mayor of Atlanta. Sally has shown an ability to handle sensitive matters in a way that maintains the appropriate objectivity that is required of a federal prosecutor.

Thanks to the diligence of many individuals involved in my criminal justice reform efforts, and through the use of Accountability Courts, rehabilitation and education programs, Georgia has seen a dramatic reduction in recidivism rates and is saving valuable taxpayer funds. Sally's support of my criminal justice reform efforts has been invaluable and very much appreciated.

I am confident that Sally Yates will make an excellent Deputy Attorney General and will handle that role with the same level of class, dignity and competence that she has exhibited in her 25 years in the Northern District of Georgia. Thus, I urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to act favorably on her nomination and urge the Senate to confirm Sally Yates as Deputy Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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