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The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate

The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate

Sent via facsimile

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

On February 24, 2010 President Obama nominated Guam Attorney General Alicia G. Limtiaco to serve as United States Attorney for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. We, the undersigned State Attorneys General, write in support of General Limtiaco and urge you to approve her nomination.

Attorney General Limtiaco is highly qualified to serve as United States Attorney for Guam. Before being elected Attorney General for Guam, Ms. Limtiaco served as Acting Chief Prosecutor and as an Assistant Attorney General. Ms. Limtiaco prosecuted numerous adult criminal felony and misdemeanor cases including homicides, domestic violence, child sexual assaults, and other crimes. As Acting Chief Prosecutor, Ms. Limtiaco supervised prosecutors, investigators, paralegals, support staff, and victim/witness advocates. In that role, she handled administrative matters involving personnel, case assignments, training development and implementation, budget reviews, and technological improvements. Ms. Limtiaco also has had considerable experience coordinating with various government agencies and non-governmental organizations and developing policy, protocol, and training programs relating to prosecution and the legal system.

As Attorney General for Guam since January 2007, Ms. Limtiaco has continued to enhance and demonstrate her outstanding leadership abilities. Ms. Limtiaco has rebuilt and reorganized the Office and has re-established ties with other law enforcement agencies, the legal community, and the community at large.

Ms. Limtiaco has proven that she has the ability and willingness to work with other agencies effectively and that she can work on a national stage cooperatively. Ms. Limtiaco assumed a national leadership role among her fellow Attorneys General when she was selected to be chairperson of the National Association of Attorney General (NAAG) Criminal Law Committee. This appointment - - which was also significant because it was the first time in NAAG's 100 year history that someone from Guam was selected to serve a leadership role - - demonstrates the confidence that the other Attorneys General have in Ms. Limtiaco's leadership abilities. As Chairperson, Ms. Limtiaco works with other Attorneys General to foster cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, to conduct trainings, to capture collective knowledge and experience, and to ensure that the chief legal officers of all states and territories communicate and cooperate to accomplish common goals.

One example of Ms. Limtiaco's ability to coordinate with other states to accomplish a common goal was her affiliation of the Guam AGO with the Hawaii Department of the Attorney General to address human trafficking and internet crimes against children. These efforts were consistent with one of NAAG's initiatives to protect children against sexual predators and with the United States Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood.

Ms. Limtiaco's accomplishments were recognized last year when NAAG's Conference of Western Attorneys General selected the Guam Office of the Attorney General from the more than 30 member and associate member states and three Pacific territories and awarded the Office with its "Biggest Stride" Award for the advancements made with its Website, www.guamattorneygeneral.com.

Ms. Limtiaco has also demonstrated that she can govern an office with administrative and fiscal integrity. Like all of us, the Guam Attorney General's Office faced budget constraints. Despite these constraints, Ms. Limtiaco stayed within her Office's FY'08 budget, found ways to cut costs, and improved financial oversight of the Office's operations and Divisions.

Ms. Limtiaco's prosecutorial and other relevant experience and her ability and willingness to work with other law enforcement agencies, make her an outstanding candidate for United States Attorney for Guam. We urge the members of the Senate to confirm President Obama's nomination of Ms. Limtiaco as United States Attorney and we look forward to our continuing to work with Ms. Limtiaco in that role.

Sincerely,



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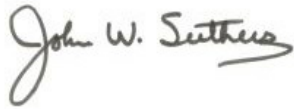
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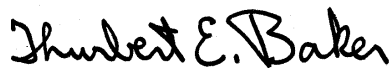
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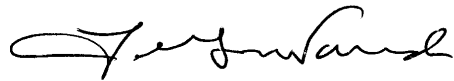
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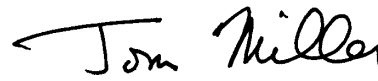
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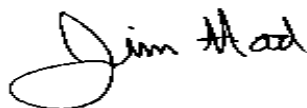
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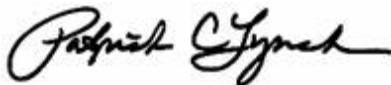
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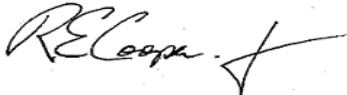
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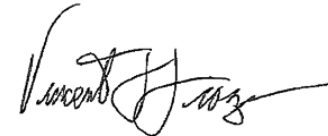
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cc: All Members of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary