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Senator Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senator Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Letter of Support for the Nomination of Todd Blanche to be
Attorney General of the United States**

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, & Members of the Committee:

We, the undersigned state attorneys general, write to express our strong support for the nomination of Todd Blanche to serve as the next Attorney General of the United States.

The Attorney General occupies one of the most consequential positions in our constitutional system. As chief law enforcement officers, we recognize that the office demands principled leadership, effective management of a vast law enforcement enterprise, fidelity to the rule of law, and a commitment to protecting public safety. We are confident that Mr. Blanche is the right person at the right time.

Under Mr. Blanche's leadership as Deputy Attorney General and Acting Attorney General, the Department of Justice has achieved consequential results across a broad range of law enforcement priorities. Notably, the nation has experienced its lowest murder rate since 1900, while federal law enforcement efforts have intensified against violent criminals, gangs, cartels, terrorists, and transnational criminal organizations.

Mr. Blanche has overseen significant efforts to improve border security and immigration enforcement. The Department has secured favorable court rulings supporting immigration enforcement initiatives, reduced the immigration case backlog by hundreds of thousands of cases, and worked closely with federal partners to apprehend criminal aliens and transnational gang members who threaten public safety.

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The Department has taken decisive action to end discrimination on the basis of race, life-altering gender reassignment surgeries on minors, and the weaponization of our justice system. And, in the face of unprecedented obstruction, the Department under Mr. Blanche's leadership has won approximately 80% of its cases at the United States Supreme Court.

The Department has substantially expanded prosecutions, securing tens of thousands more prosecutions than in comparable periods under the prior administration while successfully targeting organized criminal enterprises, including hundreds of indictments involving Tren de Aragua and other violent gangs. The FBI has captured eight of its ten Most Wanted fugitives, disrupted thousands of gangs and criminal enterprises, located thousands of missing children, and arrested thousands of child predators and human traffickers.

Of vital importance to our states is Mr. Blanche's committed approach to combating fraud against taxpayers. Under his leadership, we are confident that the Department will continue to prioritize safeguarding taxpayer dollars, streamline bureaucratic inefficiencies, and aggressively prosecute the exploitation of federal programs.

Furthermore, Mr. Blanche has demonstrated exemplary dedication to rebuilding and strengthening partnerships with state attorneys general. As a former prosecutor in the Southern District of New York, Mr. Blanche recognizes that state chief law enforcement officers possess invaluable, localized insights into the safety and legal challenges facing American communities. His commitment to open communication and collaborative enforcement has ushered in new era of federal-state cooperation on critical issues such as violent crime, drug trafficking, and consumer protection.

Finally, Mr. Blanche's critics have no serious objection to his qualifications, character, or leadership. What they really oppose is President Trump's agenda. And because Mr. Blanche has been so successful at implementing those policies, they would prefer he not be at the helm. We, thus, urge the Committee to disregard these complaints.

At a time when Americans expect their government to protect communities from violent crime, narcotics trafficking, human trafficking, terrorism, and organized criminal activity, Todd Blanche has shown the ability to deliver real results. His record reflects a commitment to public safety, vigorous enforcement of federal law, and effective stewardship of the Department of Justice.

For these reasons, we urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Todd Blanche as United States Attorney General. We look forward to working alongside him to uphold the Constitution, protect our communities, and ensure equal justice under the law.

Sincerely,



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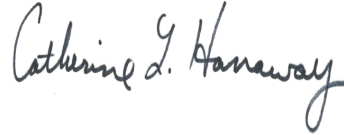


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