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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6050

Re: Nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions

Dear Chairman Grassley:

The National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys (NAAUSA) is pleased to add its voice to the chorus of law enforcement and community groups supporting the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions to be the 84th Attorney General of the United States. Senator Sessions is a man of great integrity who possesses the experience, disposition, and intellect necessary to lead the Department of Justice. Indeed, it would be difficult to find a person who is more qualified to be the next Attorney General than Senator Sessions.

Throughout his distinguished career as a prosecutor, private practitioner, and legislator Senator Sessions has demonstrated a dedication to the rule of law and a commitment to justice. He is a proven leader who knows the inner-workings of the Department of Justice and understands the critically important role it plays in the American legal system. As a former Assistant United States Attorney and presidentially appointed United States Attorney, Senator Sessions has spent time in the trenches prosecuting violent criminals, drug traffickers, and fraudsters. He appreciates the tremendous challenges that Assistant United States Attorneys—the backbone of the Department of Justice—face on a daily basis. And, Senator Sessions has seen firsthand the destruction that crime causes for victims, their families, and society at large. It is, therefore, no surprise that Senator Sessions has spent much of his legal and political career fighting to make our communities safer.

As you are undoubtedly aware, after decades of declining crime we now find ourselves in the midst of a crime wave. Violent crime is increasing in many parts of the country, heroin is ravaging our cities and small towns, and terrorism remains a constant threat. In order to effectively address those issues, the Department of Justice must be led by a smart, aggressive, respected, and experienced leader. Senator Sessions fits the bill perfectly. NAAUSA urges his prompt confirmation and looks forward to working with Senator Sessions to protect innocent Americans from those who seek to cause harm.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven H. Cook
President