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Senator Joseph Biden
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Biden:

The Section on Criminal Law and Individual Rights of the District of Columbia Bar ("Section") writes to endorse the nomination of Drew Days for United States Solicitor General.^{1/} The Section is composed of over 800 criminal justice and civil rights practitioners, legal educators, and other members of the District of Columbia Bar who have interests in the areas of criminal law and individual and civil rights.

We are pleased to submit for your consideration our views in strong support of Mr. Days' nomination for Solicitor General. Mr. Days is an eminent scholar and legal practitioner, well qualified for the intellectual rigors required of this nation's most important litigator. Indeed, it is seldom that one has the privilege of adding support for such a distinguished individual as Mr. Days. From earlier years as an attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Inc. to his current position as tenured professor at Yale Law School, Mr. Days has demonstrated an acute ability towards understanding and resolving critical legal and policy matters. Quite significantly, as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Mr. Days fully demonstrated an understanding for sensitive and complex civil rights issues. In Fullilove v. Klutznick, 448 U.S. 448 (1980), for example, he successfully defended a congressionally-mandated federal minority contracting program instituted as a result of massive findings by Congress of discrimination in private and public construction contracting. The Supreme Court's

^{1/} The views that the Section expresses in its endorsement of Mr. Days represent only those of the Section, and not those of the District of Columbia Bar or its Board of Governors.

holdings in Fullilove have been become rooted in Court precedent, and have been relied upon extensively by subsequent Executive administrations in defense of federal government contracting programs.

We must especially acknowledge the many legislative and legal initiatives that Mr. Days has undertaken in the civil rights arena. Through his many efforts, he has greatly helped shape civil rights legislation, and has influenced the judiciary's interpretation of this nation's civil rights laws. Mr. Days has worked tirelessly in the interest of ensuring that all citizens are guaranteed equal opportunity. Thus, we strongly believe that Mr. Days, in particular, possesses the moral fiber and high character for representing this great country in legal matters before the United States Supreme Court.

We would appreciate that this letter be made a part of the official record of the hearings on the nomination of Drew Days for United States Solicitor General.

Sincerely,

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