



February 3, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am pleased to offer our support for the nominations of Ms. Lisa Monaco to serve as the Deputy Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice and Ms. Vanita Gupta to serve as the Associate Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice.

The IACP recently had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Monaco and Ms. Gupta to gain a better understanding of their upcoming priorities and their approach to working with state and local law enforcement agencies. During this meeting, Ms. Monaco and Ms. Gupta clearly demonstrated their deep understanding of, and continued support for, the policing profession. They stressed the importance of the partnership between the Department of Justice and state and local law enforcement and emphasized their commitment to working closely with critical stakeholders in the policy development process.

Ms. Monaco and Ms. Gupta also underscored their belief that, given the complex nature of the challenges facing policing and public safety, the Department of Justice should adopt a flexible approach that will allow for the development of an array of solutions that will better meet the unique needs of each community. Finally, both Ms. Monaco and Ms. Gupta reaffirmed the importance of drawing upon previously completed good work on policing, regardless of origin.

The IACP strongly believes that Attorney General nominee, Judge Merrick Garland, Ms. Monaco, and Ms. Gupta will work well together, capitalizing on each other’s backgrounds and the different strengths and perspectives they will bring the U.S. Department of Justice.

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The IACP urges the Judiciary Committee and the members of the United States Senate to swiftly confirm the nomination of Ms. Monaco and Ms. Gupta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Renaud". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief Cynthia Renaud (Ret.)
IACP President