

BIDEN-HARRIS TRANSITION

December 22, 2020

Dear Senator,

As the incoming White House Counsel, I look forward to working with you on many shared priorities during the Biden-Harris Administration. Today, I am writing to invite you to provide recommendations for highly qualified and diverse candidates for U.S. Attorney, U.S. Marshal, and U.S. District Court nominations in your state.

With respect to each of these positions, President-elect Biden is eager to nominate individuals who reflect the best of America, and who look like America. We are confident this is a shared goal. We therefore ask that you propose talented individuals who would bring to these critically important roles a wide range of life and professional experiences, including those based on their race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, veteran status, and disability. With respect to U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal positions, we seek to nominate individuals who will act with independence and integrity and uphold the finest traditions of the U.S. Department of Justice. With respect to U.S. District Court positions, we are particularly focused on nominating individuals whose legal experiences have been historically underrepresented on the federal bench, including those who are public defenders, civil rights and legal aid attorneys, and those who represent Americans in every walk of life.

If you choose to use judicial nominating commissions to evaluate U.S. District Court candidates in your state, we encourage you to set up those commissions immediately – regardless of whether vacancies currently exist – and we ask you to consider having your commissions continue to evaluate candidates on an ongoing basis. Moving forward, we will request that you forward names to us within 45 days of any new vacancy being announced, so that we can expeditiously consider your recommendations.

We are enthusiastic about receiving your recommendations for these positions (including current district court vacancies) as soon as possible and not later than January 19, 2020. For each position, we ask that you send to us at least three candidates. Please email your recommendations to our Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) via OLArecommendations@jbrpt.org. Should this deadline pose an issue, please reach out to OLA to discuss further.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to fill these critically important positions and on many other common goals in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,



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