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to
CONFIRMATION HEARING ON THE
NOMINATION OF HON. PAMELA JO BONDI
TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES

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January 6, 2025

Hon. Chuck Grassley
Hon. Dick Durbin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Pamela J. Bondi as Attorney General of the United States

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are former Department of Justice officials in presidential administrations of both political parties. We write to express our strong and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Pamela J. Bondi to serve as Attorney General of the United States.

Attorney General Bondi's track record as a state attorney general and line prosecutor shows the no-nonsense, law-and-order, pro-law enforcement approach she will bring to the Department of Justice. It is all too rare for senior Justice Department officials—much less Attorneys General—to have such a wealth of experience in the day-to-day work of keeping our communities safe. As a career prosecutor, Attorney General Bondi will be ready from the first day on the job to fight on behalf of the American people to reduce crime, tackle the opioid crisis, back the women and men in blue, and restore credibility to the Department of Justice.

As the first woman to serve as Attorney General of Florida, Attorney General Bondi worked tirelessly to protect every resident of Florida. She was on the front lines of the effort to combat the opioid epidemic by aggressively prosecuting opioid pill mills and those trafficking in synthetic drugs. She built a national reputation for her work to end human trafficking and spearheaded the effort to clear Florida's backlog of unprocessed sexual assault kits.

Attorney General Bondi also achieved major consumer protection victories on behalf of Floridians and all Americans. She led the effort to bring relief to those harmed by the 2008 financial crisis by securing the National Mortgage Settlement that ultimately resulted in \$56 billion in compensation to victims. Attorney General Bondi also sued to hold British Petroleum (BP) and other responsible parties accountable in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, ultimately securing a settlement of more than \$2 billion in economic relief for Florida alone.

As an Assistant State Attorney in her native Hillsborough County, Florida, Attorney General Bondi prosecuted violent crimes, including drug traffickers, and other high-profile cases for nearly two decades. She understands the important work that line prosecutors at the local, state, and federal level play in keeping our communities safe. Just as importantly, she recognizes that none of this would be possible without the dedication and bravery of law enforcement. As Attorney General, she will back the women and men in blue and further enhance President Trump's pro-law enforcement record.

Some of us have worked directly with Attorney General Bondi during her time in office and can personally attest to her integrity and devotion to the rule of law. Many more of us know and admire her well-earned reputation from her long and accomplished career in government service in Florida, her litigation and advocacy on the national stage, and her demonstrated courage as a lawyer. As former DOJ officials, we know firsthand the challenges she will face as Attorney General, and we also know she is up to the job.

We firmly believe the Justice Department and the Nation will benefit from Attorney General Bondi's leadership. We urge you in the strongest manner possible to confirm her as the next Attorney General of the United States.

Respectfully, [1]

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January 13, 2025

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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Confirmation of former Florida Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi for Attorney General of the United States

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We, the signatories below, are all former United States Attorneys who write in support of the confirmation of Pamela J. Bondi as Attorney General of the United States.

As former U.S. Attorneys, we are in a unique position to evaluate the qualifications of Pam Bondi to serve as our nation's Attorney General. United States Attorneys are the top-ranking federal law-enforcement officials of their jurisdictions, tasked with setting enforcement priorities, building trust with the communities they serve, and protecting the public while respecting federalism, the separation of powers, and the individual rights enshrined in the Constitution. It is not an easy job, but it is one that former Florida Attorney General Bondi understands as a critical state partner in one of the largest jurisdictions in the United States.

Ms. Bondi's tenure as Florida's Attorney General was marked by her unwavering commitment to justice and her relentless efforts to protect the citizens of Florida. Serving from 2011 to 2019, Bondi was the first woman to hold this esteemed position, and she brought a fresh perspective and dynamic leadership to the role. Her legal acumen and dedication to public service were evident in her numerous accomplishments, which included significant strides in consumer protection, human trafficking prevention, and environmental conservation. Attorney General Bondi's proactive approach and her ability to collaborate with various stakeholders made her a formidable force in the fight for justice and the betterment of Florida's communities.

One of Attorney General Bondi's most notable achievements was her vigorous fight against the opioid epidemic, a crisis that has devastated countless lives across the nation. Recognizing the urgent need for action, she spearheaded Florida's litigation against opioid manufacturers, holding them accountable for their role in the epidemic. Her efforts culminated in substantial settlements that provided much-needed resources for addiction treatment and prevention programs, including, critically, medication-assisted treatment. Ms. Bondi's leadership in this area not only brought

justice to those affected by the crisis but also set a precedent for other states to follow, showcasing her ability to drive meaningful change on a national scale.

In addition to her work on the opioid crisis, former Attorney General Bondi led many other initiatives that bettered the lives of everyday people in Florida and set the agenda nationally:

- Former Attorney General Bondi was a staunch advocate for victims of human trafficking. She launched several initiatives aimed at increasing awareness, improving victim services, and enhancing law enforcement's ability to combat trafficking networks.
- Former Attorney General Bondi made significant strides in consumer protection. She was instrumental in securing multi-million dollar settlements from major corporations that engaged in deceptive practices, ensuring that Floridians were protected from fraud and abuse. Her efforts in this area included cracking down on mortgage fraud, leading to substantial relief for homeowners affected by the housing crisis. Her dedication to consumer rights demonstrated her commitment to holding powerful entities accountable and safeguarding the interests of everyday citizens.
- Former Attorney General Bondi focused on environmental conservation. She worked tirelessly to protect Florida's natural resources, including its waterways and wildlife. Ms. Bondi's office took legal action against polluters and advocated for stronger environmental regulations to preserve the state's unique ecosystems. Her efforts contributed to the restoration of the Everglades and the protection of endangered species, showcasing her dedication to maintaining Florida's environmental heritage for future generations.

Her tenure as Florida's Attorney General, and her service as an assistant state attorney in Hillsborough County for 18 years, were characterized by a deep sense of duty and an unwavering commitment to protecting all citizens equally, solidifying her legacy as a champion of justice and a tireless public servant.

As former U.S. Attorneys, we worked with and for many Attorneys General, each different, each with his or her own unique strengths. We have no doubt that Attorney General Bondi can do the job well, bringing to this critically important office her unique and extraordinary strengths of courage, humility, experience, and an inviolable promise to treat all people equally under the law.

We strongly urge you to support her confirmation.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

January 13, 2025

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators,

I write on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of members of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) to express our strong support of President Trump's nominee for Attorney General, Pam Bondi.

The American people have lost faith in the Department of Justice (DOJ) after years of it illegally pursuing political adversaries instead of investigating America's real enemies. The Department is in dire need of an overhaul.

Fortunately, Bondi is well-suited to the task of cleaning up the DOJ. For the first 18 years of her career, she was a prosecutor in the Hillsborough County State Attorney's office in Florida, handling a wide range of cases from domestic violence to capital murder. In 2010, Bondi made history as Florida's first female Attorney General, where she became known for her aggressive stance on issues such as opioid abuse, synthetic drugs, and human trafficking. She proved to be a champion for the safety and well-being of Americans by advancing reforms that targeted fraudulent doctors and shady clinics across the state.

Rather than political agendas, Bondi has always focused on real-world problems facing the American people. In an era where drugs are one of the leading causes of death in the U.S., she served on the President's Opioid and Drug Abuse Commission during the first Trump administration, where she worked closely with national leaders to address drug prevention, interdiction, and treatment strategies. And while she's a strong advocate of prosecuting violent, dangerous criminals, she also believes in second chances by supporting initiatives to help formerly incarcerated individuals reintegrate into society, granting second chances to those who deserve it. And she is a champion for first responders and law enforcement, frequently supporting reforms to ensure they have the training and resources that they need to combat the worst crimes facing society today.

Pam Bondi has fought to protect religious freedom, as her involvement in the Coach Kennedy case showcases. She fought against the illegal COVID vaccine mandates by filing lawsuits on behalf of small businesses. And she has been a vocal critic of the

weaponization of the DOJ against its political opponents, particularly during the first Trump impeachment trials, where she served as a member of his defense team.

For too long the Justice Department has wasted time and taxpayer money prosecuting parents who attend school board meetings, pro-life advocates who peacefully protest abortions, and politicians who do not share the current administration's agenda. The American people want a DOJ that goes after those criminals who make society more corrupt and the streets more dangerous. Pam Bondi, with her long career as a crime fighter and defender of the Constitution, is the right woman to remake the DOJ into an institution the nation can trust once again.

CWALAC members, as most Americans, want the focus of the DOJ to be placed back on investigating and prosecuting real criminals, and we are pleased to see Pam Bondi is committed to putting Americans first in her role as Attorney General. We urge you to vote for her swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny Nance". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Penny Nance,
CEO and President
Concerned Women for America LAC



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PATRICK YOES
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2 January 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President-elect of the United States
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Dear Mr. President-elect,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to express our strong support for your nomination of former Florida Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi to serve as U.S. Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in your Administration.

Attorney General Bondi was a longtime ally of the FOP during her tenure as Florida Attorney General. The Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police endorsed her re-election campaign in 2014, citing her support for law enforcement, crime prevention, and public safety. Once confirmed, the FOP will work with Attorney General Bondi to support the DOJ programs so critical to State and local law enforcement like the those administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) as well as the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne-JAG) program. These State and local law enforcement agencies will be able to continue important partnerships with their Federal counterparts to keep our communities safe.

On behalf of the more than 377,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I commend your selection of Ms. Bondi to serve as Attorney General, and we look forward to resuming our partnership with you and your Administration. If I can be of any further assistance or provide additional information or support for Ms. Bondi's nomination, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes
National President

cc: Shawn Dunlap, President, Florida State Lodge
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-- BUILDING ON A PROUD TRADITION --





Independent Women Supports the Confirmation of Pam Bondi as Attorney General

January 15, 2025

Dear Senators,

Independent Women, which advances policies that enhance opportunity and well-being, fully supports the confirmation of Pam Bondi to serve as United States Attorney General. President Trump deserves the team he wants so that he can carry out the directive given to him by the American people.

There is no question that Mrs. Bondi is uniquely qualified to serve as Attorney General.

As Florida Attorney General, Mrs. Bondi has shown her commitment to restoring law and order, has taken on human trafficking networks, and fought for Florida's best interests. As the former president of the National Association of Attorneys General, she's worked to build coalitions across the aisle and her extensive prosecutorial experience will be invaluable as U.S. Attorney General.

Independent Women is proud to support the nomination of such a qualified nominee to serve as Attorney General. We urge senators to provide Pam Bondi with a fair and respectful hearing and to confirm her as Attorney General.

Respectfully,

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Heather R. Higgins
CEO
Independent Women's Voice

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Carrie Lukas' in a cursive script.

Carrie Lukas
Vice President
Independent Women's Voice

January 14, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

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

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am pleased to offer our endorsement of Ms. Pamela Bondi as Attorney General of the United States. Ms. Bondi's extensive experience and unwavering commitment to public safety make her an excellent nominee for this critical position.

The IACP recently had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Bondi. During our meeting, she demonstrated her steadfast commitment to working collaboratively with state and local police agencies, emphasized the importance of information sharing, and underscored her dedication to the rule of law and the safety of officers.

Her tenure as Attorney General of Florida was marked by a proactive approach to law enforcement partnerships, ensuring that local agencies had the support and resources necessary to effectively serve their communities. Ms. Bondi's efforts have not only enhanced public safety but have also fostered a spirit of cooperation and coordination among various law enforcement entities. Her ability to bring together diverse stakeholders to tackle pressing issues is a testament to her exceptional leadership and commitment to justice.

The IACP firmly believes that Ms. Bondi's track record of supporting law enforcement, coupled with her dedication to upholding the rule of law, makes her abundantly qualified to lead the Department of Justice. We are confident that under her leadership, the department will continue to advance its mission of ensuring public safety and justice for all Americans.

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

Sincerely,



Ken Walker
IACP President



January 10, 2025

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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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The Honorable Dick Durbin
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Grassley, and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), we write to express our strong support of Pam Bondi as the next Attorney General of the United States. We are confident her leadership will drive meaningful advancements in public safety and address the pressing challenges facing law enforcement across the nation.

MCSA is a professional association representing the largest Sheriff's offices in the country, serving more than one-third of the U.S. population. Our membership includes Sheriff's Offices from counties with populations of 400,000 or more.

Ms. Bondi's distinguished career in law enforcement and public service makes her exceptionally qualified for this critical role. As Florida's Attorney General for two terms, she earned a reputation as one of the most effective state attorneys general in the country. Her steadfast dedication to upholding the law, safeguarding citizens, and advancing justice is reflected in numerous impactful public safety initiatives.

Among her many achievements, Ms. Bondi led efforts to combat the opioid crisis, shutting down dangerous pill mills, and implementing comprehensive drug abuse prevention programs. Her leadership in fighting human trafficking and developing innovative school safety initiatives further demonstrates her commitment to protecting vulnerable communities and ensuring a justice system that works for all Americans.

Ms. Bondi has long been a staunch ally of local law enforcement. She understands the vital importance of strong collaboration between federal, state, and local agencies in addressing violent crime. We are confident that she will continue advocating for the resources necessary to support law enforcement agencies and equip them with the tools needed to safeguard our communities.

We fully support Ms. Bondi's nomination and stand ready to assist in securing her swift confirmation as the next Attorney General of the United States. Should you need any additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Noland, Executive Director of MCSA.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Bill Brown
MCSA President
Santa Barbara County, CA

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
MCSA Vice President
Pinellas County, FL

Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard
MCSA VP – Government Affairs
Oakland County, MI

Megan E. Noland
Executive Director
Major County Sheriffs of America

**A LETTER FROM FORMER STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL
IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF PAMELA JO BONDI
FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL**

January 7, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
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Senate Minority Leader
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The Honorable John Barrasso
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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Senate Minority Whip
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
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Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Senator Barrasso, Senator Durbin, and Senator Grassley,

We write as Former State Attorneys General in support of your confirmation of Former Florida State Attorney General Pamela Jo Bondi as the 87th United States Attorney General. Many

of us have worked directly with Attorney General Bondi and have firsthand knowledge of her fitness for the office. We believe that her wealth of prosecutorial experience and commitment to public service make General Bondi a highly qualified nominee for Attorney General of the United States.

General Bondi demonstrated her unwavering commitment to public safety and enforcing the rule of law during her eighteen years as a state prosecutor. She tried numerous cases, ranging from domestic violence to homicide. During her subsequent tenure as Florida Attorney General from 2011 to 2019, General Bondi proved her dedication to protecting Floridians. She served with distinction as the state's top consumer protection and law enforcement official. She took on mortgage fraudsters and was a national leader in battling the opioid crisis. General Bondi developed her skills as a prosecutor and put those skills to work as Attorney General, protecting children, combatting gangs, and litigating criminal appeals for her state.

General Bondi has an excellent reputation nationally for working across both state and party lines to solve problems and work cooperatively for the benefit of her constituents. General Bondi was and remains a valued and respected member of the State Attorney General community. Thus, we are confident that she will serve with distinction as United States Attorney General.

The Society of Attorneys General Emeritus (SAGE) is a nonpartisan organization that does not formally endorse any political candidate or nominee, nor does SAGE take political positions on issues. We leave those actions to individual SAGE members to decide for themselves. Thus, we, the undersigned Former State Attorneys General, offer our support for Pam Bondi in our individual capacities, and we thank you for your consideration of our support for her confirmation to serve as the next United States Attorney General.

Sincerely,

Dustin McDaniel
Co-Chair, SAGE
Former Arkansas Attorney General (2007 – 2015)

Jon Bruning
Co-Chair, SAGE
Former Nebraska Attorney General (2003 – 2015)

Robert Abrams
Former New York Attorney General (1979 – 1993)

Thurbert Baker
Former Georgia Attorney General (1997 – 2011)

Bill Baxley
Former Alabama Attorney General (1971 – 1979)
Former Alabama Lieutenant Governor (1983 – 1987)

Mike Beebe
Former Arkansas Attorney General (2003 – 2007)
Former Arkansas Governor (2007 – 2015)

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Former Delaware Attorney General (1995 – 2005)

Bob Butterworth
Former Florida Attorney General (1987 – 2002)

Steve Carter
Former Indiana Attorney General (2001 – 2009)

Charlie Condon
Former South Carolina Attorney General
(1995 – 2003)

Jack Conway
Former Kentucky Attorney General (2008 – 2016)

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Former Pennsylvania Attorney General (2005 – 2011)
Former Pennsylvania Governor (2011 – 2015)

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Former Michigan Attorney General (2003 – 2011)

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Former Nevada Attorney General (1991 – 2003)

Mike DeWine
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Ohio Governor (2019 – Present)

Richard E. Doran
Former Florida Attorney General (2002 – 2003)

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Jose Fuentes
Former Puerto Rico Attorney General (1997 – 1999)

Douglas Gansler
Former Maryland Attorney General (2007 – 2015)

Chris Gorman
Former Kentucky Attorney General (1992 – 1996)

Peter Harvey
Former New Jersey Attorney General (2003 – 2006)

Peter Heed
Former New Hampshire Attorney General
(2003 – 2004)

Jim Hood
Former Mississippi Attorney General (2004 – 2020)

Judith Williams Jagdmann
Former Virginia Attorney General (2005 – 2006)

Andrew Ketterer
Former Maine Attorney General (1995 – 2001)

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Jahna Lindemuth
Former Alaska Attorney General (2016 – 2018)

Robert F. List
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Former Nevada Governor (1979 – 1983)

Patrick C. Lynch
Former Rhode Island Attorney General (2003 – 2011)

Lisa Madigan
Former Illinois Attorney General (2003 – 2019)

Bill McCollum
Former Florida Attorney General (2007 – 2011)
Former Member, U.S. House of Representatives
(1981 – 2001)

Robert McDonnell
Former Virginia Attorney General (2006 – 2009)
Former Virginia Governor (2010 – 2014)

Rob McKenna
Former Washington Attorney General (2005 – 2013)

Betty Montgomery
Former Ohio Attorney General (1995 – 2003)

Mike Moore
Former Mississippi Attorney General (1988 – 2004)

Gale Norton
Former Colorado Attorney General (1991 – 1999)
Former Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
(2001 – 2006)

Doug Peterson
Former Nebraska Attorney General (2015 – 2023)

Christopher Porrino
Former New Jersey Attorney General (2016 – 2018)

Ernie Preate
Former Pennsylvania Attorney General (1989 – 1995)

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Leslie Rutledge
Former Arkansas Attorney General (2015 – 2023)
Arkansas Lieutenant Governor (2023 – Present)

Derek Schmidt
Former Kansas Attorney General (2011 – 2023)
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
(2025 – Present)

William J. Schneider
Former Maine Attorney General (2011 – 2013)

Bill Schuette
Former Michigan Attorney General (2011 – 2019)
Former Member, U.S. House of Representatives
(1985 – 1991)

Mark Shurtleff
Former Utah Attorney General (2001 – 2013)

Herbert Slatery
Former Tennessee Attorney General (2014 – 2022)

James C. Smith
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Former Alabama Attorney General (2011 – 2017)
Former U.S. Senator (2017 – 2018)

Hal Stratton
Former New Mexico Attorney General (1987 – 1991)
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Commission (2002 – 2006)

Paul G. Summers
Former Tennessee Attorney General (1999 – 2006)

John Suthers
Former Colorado Attorney General (2005 – 2015)

John Swallow
Former Utah Attorney General (2013)

Michael C. Turpen
Former Oklahoma Attorney General (1983 – 1987)

J.B. Van Hollen
Former Wisconsin Attorney General (2007 – 2015)

Lawrence Wasden
Former Idaho Attorney General (2003 – 2023)

LeRoy S. Zimmerman
Former Pennsylvania Attorney General (1981 – 1989)

Greg Zoeller
Former Indiana Attorney General (2009 – 2017)



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January 9, 2025

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Association*

The Honorable Charles Grassley
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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

JOHN A. FLYNN
Vice President
*Police Benevolent
Association of New York City*

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

CRAIG LALLY
Recording Secretary
*Los Angeles Police
Protective League*

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers we represent across the country, I am writing to advise you of our support for the nomination of Pamela J. Bondi for United States Attorney General. Ms. Bondi's experience, including her eight years serving as the Attorney General for the State of Florida, make her uniquely qualified to be our nation's next Attorney General.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
*Massachusetts Coalition
of Police*

Prior to her long tenure as Florida's first female Attorney General, Ms. Bondi served as a prosecutor in the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office. As a prosecutor, she developed close relationships with state and local law enforcement and a deep understanding of what it takes to keep our communities safe on a daily basis.

KEITH CURRY
Sergeant-at-Arms
*New Jersey State Policemen's
Benevolent Association*

SCOTT LEETON
Executive Secretary
*Combined Law Enforcement
Associations of Texas*

As Attorney General, Ms. Bondi continued her strong partnership with Florida's law enforcement community as she focused on prosecuting violent crime and aggressively targeting pill mills that were aggravating Florida's opioid crisis. Ms. Bondi also worked closely with the Florida Police Benevolent Association, a NAPO member organization, to ensure Florida's and our nation's law enforcement officers had the support and resources necessary to efficiently and effectively serve and protect our communities.

MARK YOUNG
Vice President,
Associate Members
*Detroit Police Lieutenants &
Sergeants Association*

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
*Wisconsin Professional Police
Association*

REV. WESLEY McDUFFIE
Chaplain
*Tarrant County, Texas
Sheriff's Office*

With her strong belief in the rule of law and her work on eradicating violent crime and illicit drugs from our communities, we believe Ms. Bondi will be a true partner to state and local law enforcement and will serve our nation well as the next Attorney General. On a personal level, my work and interactions with Ms. Bondi only strengthen my conviction that she is the right person for this position. Therefore, NAPO urges the Committee to support the nomination of Pamela J. Bondi. Please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775 if there is anything I or our organization can do in further support of Ms. Bondi's nomination.

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel

Sincerely,

Michael McHale
President

Cc: Members, Judiciary Committee, United States Senate



NATIONAL FUSION CENTER ASSOCIATION

Helping To Protect America

January 13, 2025

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

On behalf of the National Fusion Center Association, which represents eighty state and major urban area fusion centers comprising over 3,000 public safety professionals, I am pleased to express support for the nomination of Pam Bondi as the next Attorney General of the United States.

Fusion centers were established by state and local governments nationwide in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks. These centers are state and locally managed programs designed to assist in identifying, preventing, and mitigating terrorist acts, major criminal activity, and other significant threats to public safety and the well-being of our citizens.

The Attorney General, alongside the Department of Justice and its component agencies play a pivotal role in supporting this mission. It is essential that the Attorney General fully leverage the capabilities of the National Network of Fusion Centers to protect our nation. Effective information sharing at all levels of government is critical to our shared objective of securing the homeland. A strong partnership between the National Network of Fusion Centers and the Department of Justice is vital to our collective efforts to identify, analyze, and prevent a broad spectrum of threats.

Ms. Bondi's extensive experience as a state prosecutor and as Attorney General of Florida demonstrates her commitment to upholding the rule of law, safeguarding communities, and fostering collaboration among federal, state, and local entities. Her proven ability to address complex threats and combat public safety concerns underscores her capacity to understand the intricate nature of today's threat environment and security challenges. Furthermore, her dedication to building strong partnerships and finding practical solutions gives us confidence she will work to ensure all partners have the resources and tools necessary to protect our communities effectively.

If confirmed, we look forward to closely working with Ms. Bondi to advance our shared mission of protecting the homeland. We respectfully urge your support of her nomination and appreciate your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Sena
President, National Fusion Center Association
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NATIONAL NARCOTIC OFFICERS' ASSOCIATIONS' COALITION
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January 10, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20510

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

On behalf of the National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition (NNOAC), which represents more than 60,000 law enforcement officers across 40 state narcotic officer associations, I write to express our full support for the nomination of Pamela J. Bondi as the next Attorney General of the United States. Given her extensive background in criminal justice and her commitment to public safety, we believe Ms. Bondi is uniquely qualified to serve in this pivotal role.

Throughout her career as both a state prosecutor and as the Attorney General of Florida, Ms. Bondi has been a relentless advocate for law enforcement, working tirelessly to protect our communities from the devastating effects of crime, particularly drug-related offenses.

As Florida's Attorney General, Ms. Bondi was a key player in combating the opioid epidemic, spearheading efforts to dismantle dangerous drug trafficking organizations and hold accountable those who contributed to the spread of these harmful substances.

Ms. Bondi understands the necessity of strong collaboration across all levels of law enforcement and is well-equipped to ensure that the Department of Justice is a reliable partner to the men and women who risk their lives daily to safeguard our communities.

The NNOAC urges you to confirm Ms. Bondi's nomination swiftly, as we are confident she will uphold the law, fight for justice, and work in partnership with law enforcement across the country to ensure the safety and security of all Americans.

Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Eric Brown
President
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

SHERIFF KIERAN DONAHUE
President

January 13, 2025

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking-member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I write today on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association and the 3,081 elected Sheriffs serving our nation's security interests.

The border crisis, rising crime rates, and the devastating fentanyl epidemic are among the most pressing concerns for law enforcement today. Addressing these challenges requires stronger communication and transparency between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Sheriffs and local law enforcement leaders are eager to work more collaboratively with federal partners to enhance coordination, share intelligence, and develop cohesive strategies to combat transnational criminal organizations, human trafficking, and the unchecked flow of drugs like fentanyl, which continues to claim countless lives across the nation.

Equally critical is addressing the ongoing crisis in our nation's jails. Jails are not simply holding facilities; they are central to the safety and health of our communities, and the individuals who operate them perform vital yet often underappreciated roles. The Department of Justice (DOJ) must recognize the unique challenges faced by jails and prioritize the support they require, including addressing the pervasive mental health crisis. We can no longer resort to incarcerating individuals in jails as a substitute for hospitalization and treatment. This practice is unsustainable, unjust, and perpetuates harm.

Sheriffs, as elected officials, uniquely represent the voices and needs of the people they serve. Their dual role as both law enforcement and jail administrators gives them unparalleled insight into the reforms necessary to restore balance and fairness within the justice system. The DOJ can no longer disregard the needs of jails while prioritizing federal and state prisons exclusively. A meaningful shift in focus is long overdue, and we are encouraged by the opportunity for real change under new leadership.

Ms. Bondi's commitment to directing U.S. Attorneys to take a proactive approach in prosecuting federal crimes is a welcome and needed form of leadership for local law enforcement. Ensuring that federal crimes are consistently charged when appropriate will strengthen accountability. The

effective use of federal sentencing guidelines can *and* should complement state laws, providing an essential backstop to thwart and punish both criminal enterprises and dangerous individual acts.

It is critical that the Department of Justice (DOJ) be led by someone who not only understands these complex challenges but can also effectively communicate them and work collaboratively with law enforcement on permanent solutions—all while commanding the full confidence of the President.

The NSA is heartened that President-elect Donald Trump selected former Florida Attorney General Pamela J. Bondi to serve as the next U.S. Attorney General of the DOJ. Her resume reflects the credentials, skills, temperament, commitment, and experience for this critical position. Her distinguished career reflects her unwavering dedication to justice and her ability to lead with integrity, transparency, and a results-driven approach. Her commitment to strengthening partnerships among local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement is evident in her prior work, and we are confident she will bring the same focus and energy to this critical role.

If confirmed, Ms. Bondi has pledged to prioritize the needs of law enforcement by fostering a culture of collaboration and direct engagement. Her recognition of the importance of local perspectives and her willingness to work alongside rank-and-file officers, as well as leadership, are essential to overcoming the pressing challenges we face. Her ability to restore trust and accountability within the Department of Justice will be instrumental in protecting our communities and upholding the principles of justice.

We are pleased to give our enthusiastic endorsement of Ms. Pam Bondi's nomination to be the U.S. Attorney General and urge the Committee hold hearings expeditiously. We believe there will be broad support for Ms. Bondi and we look forward to her swift confirmation by the full United States Senate.

Very Respectfully,



Sheriff Kieran Donahue
Canyon County, ID
President
National Sheriffs' Association

Cc: POTUS-elect
Senator John Thune, Majority Leader
Senator Charles Schumer, Minority Leader
Jonathan Thompson, Executive Director/CEO

January 16, 2024

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

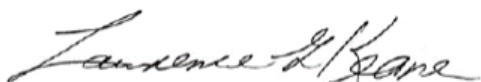
NSSF[®] is the trade association for the firearm, ammunition, hunting and shooting sports industry. NSSF's mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. On behalf of our more than 10,500 member companies nationwide, I write in support of the nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi, of Florida, to serve as the 87th United States Attorney General and urge her swift confirmation.

During her two terms serving as Florida's Attorney General and longtime tenure as a state prosecutor, Ms. Bondi has demonstrated a commitment to the rule of law and a drive to improve public safety. In this position, Ms. Bondi will encounter a complex, evolving set of challenges facing our country. Her exposure to a diverse set of law enforcement issues, including organized retail theft and combatting violent crime, has prepared her well to serve in this position. We are confident that she will uphold our Constitutional rights, including the Second Amendment, as our nation's chief law enforcement officer.

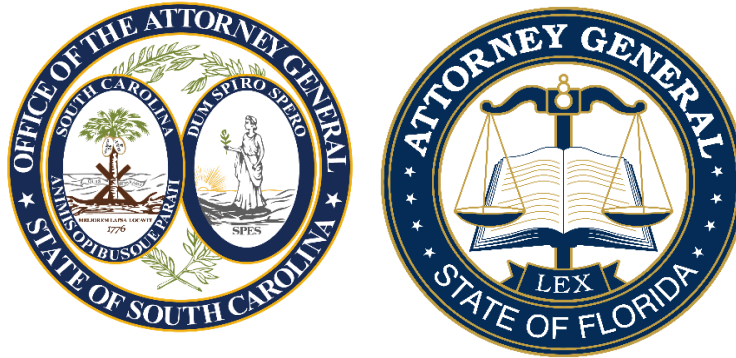
In this position, Ms. Bondi will oversee the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Unfortunately, the ATF's recent posture of blatantly exceeding its statutory authority has eroded confidence in the agency. We believe Ms. Bondi's distinguished record proves she intends to return the ATF to its core mission of crime prevention and law enforcement.

We are proud to offer our strong support and respectfully request you confirm Ms. Bondi for this position. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lawrence G. Keane



December 3, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable John Thune
Senate Minority Whip
U.S. Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, and Senator Thune,

As 30 current and future Republican state attorneys general, we ask you to confirm Pam Bondi as the 87th United States Attorney General. Many of us have worked with Attorney General Bondi, and we have witnessed firsthand her legal acumen, her passion for justice, and her steadfast commitment to the rule of law. And equally as important, we have found her to be fair-minded, impartial, and collegial. In short, she is a superb choice to serve our nation and the public interest.

As Florida Attorney General, General Bondi spent eight years working tirelessly to protect the health and safety of the people of Florida. During the worst days of the opioid crisis, she demonstrated extraordinary leadership, working with the Florida Legislature to shut down pill

mills,¹ initiating litigation to hold bad actors accountable,² and taking many other actions designed to curb drug abuse, including championing bans on synthetic drugs.³ She was also a fierce advocate against human trafficking, leading efforts to increase tools for prosecutors to protect victims and hold traffickers accountable.⁴

We have seen firsthand her proactiveness and creativity in solving our country's greatest problems. For example, after the horrific shooting in Parkland, Florida, she spearheaded the creation of a mobile app designed to allow students to easily report suspicious activity directly to authorities.⁵ And these are only a few of the countless consumer protection and public safety efforts she led during her tenure.⁶

Many of us had the privilege to work with General Bondi directly on these and other issues. We also benefited from her leadership on numerous multi-state efforts, including the \$56 billion National Mortgage Settlement.⁷ Many of these issues were bipartisan in nature, and we admired her resolution to pursue the common good for Floridians and all Americans.

General Bondi is exceedingly well prepared to be the 87th United States Attorney General. She will bring to the office a unique combination of civil and criminal experience and a tenacious work ethic.⁸ Most importantly, she will bring a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

As evidenced by the signatories below, General Bondi enjoys support from a wide multitude of Attorneys General from across the country. We strongly urge you to confirm her unanimously.

Sincerely,



Alan Wilson
South Carolina Attorney General



Ashley Moody
Florida Attorney General

¹ AP News, "Florida 'pill mills' were 'gas on the fire' of opioid crisis," <https://tinyurl.com/58w5zz3h>.

² Daily Commercial, "Pam Bondi sues opioid makers, distributors," <https://tinyurl.com/356pbdbv>.

³ Tampa Bay Times, "Attorney General Pam Bondi bans more variations of bath salts, fake pot," <https://tinyurl.com/253j6sps>.

⁴ NorthEscambia.com,, "Five Questions With Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi," <https://tinyurl.com/mry7e995>.

⁵ News4JAX, "Florida launches 'suspicious activity reporting app' for students," <https://tinyurl.com/2tycenc7>.

⁶ Florida Attorney General, "Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi Accomplishments," available at <https://tinyurl.com/rxjz22y3>.

⁷ Politico, "Former Florida Attorney general Pam Bondi Joins Ballard Partners," available at <https://tinyurl.com/3p4trnt>.

⁸ As a historical footnote, sixteen of America's eighty-six United States Attorneys General have previously served as state attorney general.



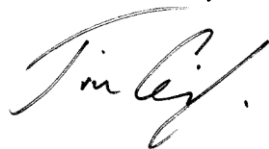
Steve Marshall
Alabama Attorney General



Kris Kobach
Kansas Attorney General



Treg Taylor
Alaska Attorney General



Tim Griffin
Arkansas Attorney General



Chris Carr
Georgia Attorney General



Raúl Labrador
Idaho Attorney General



Todd Rokita
Indiana Attorney General



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Iowa Attorney General



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Kentucky Attorney General



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Louisiana Attorney General



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Andrew Bailey
Missouri Attorney General



Austin Knudsen
Montana Attorney General



Mike Hilgers
Nebraska Attorney General



John Formella
New Hampshire Attorney General



Drew Wrigley
North Dakota Attorney General



Dave Yost
Ohio Attorney General



Gentner Drummond
Oklahoma Attorney General



Dave Sunday
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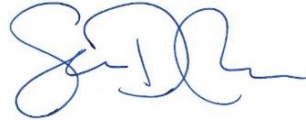
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Testimony Submitted for the Record
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Hearing on the Nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi to be Attorney General of the United States
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January 15, 2025

Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding the nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi for the position of attorney general of the United States.

My organization, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting corruption and promoting an accountable, transparent and ethical government. With this mission in mind, I write today to emphasize three key points regarding the position of attorney general and the president's nomination of Pam Bondi. First, as the nation's chief legal officer the attorney general must put the Constitution and the rule of law before the interests of the president. Second, the breadth and gravity of the attorney general's duties requires that the attorney general adhere to the highest ethical standards. And third, in furtherance of each of these duties, the attorney general must respect the independence of the Department of Justice inspector general. In light of President Donald Trump's stated desire to use the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to go after perceived political enemies, and open questions as to whether Ms. Bondi will serve as a restraint on these impulses, I encourage the Senate Judiciary Committee to evaluate her fitness on each of these three criteria before considering her nomination.

The attorney general occupies a unique role within the executive branch. They are the chief legal officer of the Department of Justice, overseeing the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Security Division, the Criminal Division, the Office for Access to Justice and more than thirty other Justice Department components.¹ They also serve as the president's principal legal adviser and provide legal advice to the heads of other agencies and the military, ensuring that the executive branch complies with the Constitution and "take[s] Care that the Laws be faithfully executed."² Additionally, they represent the United States in legal matters, including both defending executive branch agencies in litigation and enforcing the law in civil and criminal litigation.³

¹ Agencies, DOJ, <https://www.justice.gov/agencies/chart/map>.

² U.S. Const. art. II § 3; 28 U.S.C. §§ 503, 511–13.

³ See, e.g., 28 U.S.C. §§ 515, 516, 519; DOJ, *Office of the Attorney General*, <https://www.justice.gov/doj/organization-mission-and-functions-manual-office-attorney-general> (last visited Jan. 14, 2025).

But the attorney general is also a member of the president's cabinet.⁴ So not only must they ensure that the executive branch defends the Constitution, but at times they must do so in the face of significant political pressure from the president who appointed them and other individuals with whom the attorney general "has the closest personal and political kinship."⁵ The attorney general must not bend to these "manifold and intense" political pressures:

While the President and his advisers are expected to reflect and advance both policy views and partisan instincts, the Attorney General is ex[p]ected to provide a degree of independence from partisanship in order to maintain not only the ability to represent the Congress and the people as well as the Executive, but also to provide an internal check within the Executive Branch on the partisan and policy impulses of the remainder of the Administration.⁶

Fulfilling this uniquely challenging role requires strength of character and impeccable integrity. This is particularly true for an attorney general serving under President Trump, who manipulated Department of Justice officials during his first term⁷ and who has demonstrated in the leadup to his second term that loyalty matters above all else.⁸ Following the Supreme Court's grant of sweeping immunity for presidents this past July,⁹ and given President Trump's repeated threats to prosecute his perceived opponents, it is all the more

⁴ The White House, *The Executive Branch*, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/our-government/the-executive-branch/> (last visited Jan. 14, 2025); see also *Jud. Watch, Inc. v. DOJ*, 365 F.3d 1108, 1120 (D.C. Cir. 2004) ("Since the creation of the Department in 1870, the Attorney General has not only served as an adviser to the President, but also as the administrator of the Department."); see also *Mitchell v. Forsyth*, 472 U.S. 511, 520 (1985) ("As the Nation's chief law enforcement officer, the Attorney General provides vital assistance to the President in the performance of the latter's constitutional duty to 'preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.'" (citing U.S. Const., art. II, § 1, cl. 8)).

⁵ Memorandum from Theodore B. Olson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, to the Attorney General, *The Role of the Attorney General in the Government of the United States* 5 (Feb. 10, 1982), <https://knightcolumbia.org/documents/jwhwzdt11o>.

⁶ *Id.* at 3.

⁷ Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, H.R. Rep. 117-663, at 373-426 (Dec. 2022), <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GPO-I6-REPORT/pdf/GPO-I6-REPORT.pdf>; Special Counsel Jack Smith, *Report on Efforts to Interfere with the Lawful Transfer of Power Following the 2020 Presidential Election or the Certification of the Electoral College Vote Held on January 6, 2021*, 16-20 (Jan. 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/storage/Report-of-Special-Counsel-Smith-Volume-1-January-2025.pdf>; Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III, *Report On The Investigation Into Russian Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election, Volume II*, 77-90, 113-20 (Mar. 2019), <https://www.justsecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Mueller-Report-Redacted-Vol-II-Released-04.18.2019-Word-Searchable.-Reduced-Size.pdf> (describing attempts to interfere with the Department of Justice); Adam Klasfeld and Ryan Goodman, *Chronology of a Dozen Times Trump Pushed to Prosecute His Perceived Enemies*, Just Security (Sept. 3, 2024), <https://www.justsecurity.org/98703/chronology-trump-justice-department/>.

⁸ Jonathan Swan, Charlie Savage, and Maggie Haberman, *How a Phone Call Drew Alito Into a Trump Loyalty Squabble*, N.Y. Times (Jan. 9, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/09/us/politics/alito-trump-phone-call-ethics.html>; Aamer Madhani and Zeke Miller, *Trump team is questioning civil servants at National Security Council about commitment to his agenda*, Associated Press (Jan. 13, 2025), <https://apnews.com/article/trump-biden-nsc-loyalty-waltz-21913da0464f472cb9fef314fed488e5>.

⁹ *Trump v. United States*, 603 U.S. 593, 606 (2024).

important that the attorney general be an individual who will wield the office's broad prosecutorial discretion with respect for due process, the Constitution and the rule of law.¹⁰

Although a prior relationship with or support for the president is not disqualifying on its own, Ms. Bondi's record demonstrates a heightened loyalty to President Trump that raises serious questions about her willingness to faithfully carry out the duties of the office in the face of political pressure from the president. She has served as President Trump's personal lawyer, representing him during his first impeachment trial.¹¹ She pushed Trump's voter fraud allegations following the 2020 election despite the absence of any evidence of those claims.¹² And in the aftermath of the January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, she helped organize legal representation for a former Trump aide who was called to testify before the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack.¹³ In the years since the election, her relationship with President Trump and the Trump campaign has continued, with Ms. Bondi working for a pro-Trump think tank and serving as a paid board member for a political action committee tied to the president.¹⁴

Given the attorney general's tremendously powerful role, they must be above influence from other outside forces.¹⁵ Certain rules restrain the attorney general's conduct, including federal conflict-of-interest laws that prevent employees from using their official position for personal gain, prohibit officials from accepting bribes or working on matters in which they have financial conflicts, require officials to file financial disclosure reports, set limits on the gifts officials can receive and restrict the political activities of federal employees.¹⁶ And presidents also have required their appointees to commit to an ethics pledge, which

¹⁰ Tom Dreisbach, *Trump has made more than 100 threats to prosecute or punish perceived enemies*, NPR (Oct. 22, 2024), <https://www.npr.org/2024/10/21/nx-s1-5134924/trump-election-2024-kamala-harris-elizabeth-cheney-threat-civil-liberties>.

¹¹ Glenn Thrush, *Pam Bondi Is Trump's New Choice for Attorney General. Here's What to Know About Her.*, N.Y. Times (Nov. 21, 2024), <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/11/21/us/politics/pam-bondi-trump-attorney-general.html>; Steve Benen, *Despite earlier controversy, Pam Bondi joining Team Trump*, MSNBC (Nov. 7, 2019), <https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/despite-earlier-controversy-pam-bondi-joining-team-trump-msna1301321>.

¹² *Fact-checking Trump's false claims about voter fraud and 'rigged' elections*, PBS News (Oct. 5, 2024), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/fact-checking-trumps-false-claims-about-voter-fraud-and-rigged-elections>; Kirby Wilson, *Pam Bondi throws herself into Trump effort to stop counting votes*, Tampa Bay Times (Nov. 6, 2020), <https://www.tampabay.com/news/florida-politics/2020/11/05/pam-bondi-throws-herself-into-trump-effort-to-stop-counting-votes/>.

¹³ Select Committee to Investigate the Attack on the U.S. Capitol, U.S. House of Representatives, *Interview of: Cassidy Hutchinson*, at 15, 20, 23, <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/23506946/cassidy-hutchinson-jan-6-committee-transcript.pdf>.

¹⁴ *America First Nomination: Pam Bondi*, America First Policy Institute, <https://americafirstpolicy.com/issues/america-first-nomination-pam-bondi> (last visited Jan. 14, 2025); Gary Fineout, *Bondi is back, with new role in Trumpworld*, Politico (Sept. 30, 2021), <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/florida-playbook/2021/09/30/bondi-is-back-with-new-role-in-trumpworld-494526>.

¹⁵ *The Role of the Attorney General*, *supra* note 5, at 4 ("[T]he Attorney General has the difficult burden of constant vigilance against efforts to influence his legal decisions by extra-legal considerations.").

¹⁶ U.S. Office of Government Ethics, *Compilation of Federal Conflict of Interest Laws*, [https://www.oge.gov/web/oge/nsf/0/3D3B3F1EE20BA918852585BA0063A592/\\$FILE/Compilation%20of%20Federal%20Ethics%20Laws%20\(2023\).pdf](https://www.oge.gov/web/oge/nsf/0/3D3B3F1EE20BA918852585BA0063A592/$FILE/Compilation%20of%20Federal%20Ethics%20Laws%20(2023).pdf) (current through 117th Congress); see also *Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch*, 5 CFR Part 2635 (2024).

typically imposes a strict lobbyist gift ban as well as “revolving door” provisions beyond what is required by statute.¹⁷

But in the final hours of his first administration, President Trump revoked the order establishing these conflict-of-interest requirements for his appointees, declaring that neither current nor former employees would be subject to the ethics pledge he previously lauded as fixing a system “full of loopholes.”¹⁸ And since then, President Trump has demonstrated time and again his lack of commitment to ethics.¹⁹ Without the promise of a president who will hold themselves and their officials to the highest ethical standards, it is the federal laws, regulations, norms and those who uphold them who must ensure that wealthy individuals, including the president, cannot simply purchase their preferred result from the government. And the attorney general, who not only must be free of conflicts themselves but also is responsible for prosecuting those who violate these laws, must be beyond reproach.

There are institutional guardrails that are intended to prevent the attorney general—or any government official—from using their office to pursue political or personal aims. These guardrails include laws such as the Hatch Act,²⁰ which serves to prevent political influence and coercion in the federal workforce, and entities like inspectors general, which serve the crucial role of investigating fraud, waste, abuse and official misconduct at agencies across the federal government.

There are more than 70 inspectors general, but the inspector general at the Department of Justice fills a particularly important role, serving as a critical check on a department whose core values include independence, impartiality, honesty and integrity.²¹ To that end, the inspector general provides objective and independent oversight of the Department of

¹⁷ Exec. Order 13989, 86 Fed. Reg. 7029 (Jan. 20, 2021); Exec. Order 13770, 82 Fed. Reg. 9333 (Jan. 28, 2017); Exec. Order 13490, 74 Fed. Reg. 4673 (Jan. 21, 2009).

¹⁸ Revocation of Executive Order 13770, 86 Fed. Reg. 6835 (Jan. 19, 2021); Tamara Keith, *Trump Revokes Administration Ethics Rules On His Way Out The Door*, NPR (Jan. 20, 2021), <https://www.npr.org/sections/inauguration-day-live-updates/2021/01/20/958710562/trump-revokes-administration-ethics-rules-on-his-way-out-the-door>.

¹⁹ President Trump refused to provide a transition ethics plan to the General Services Administration until nearly three weeks after his election and nearly two months after the date identified in federal law. 3 U.S.C. § 102 note; Tamara Keith, *Trump team signs a key transition agreement with Biden White House*, NPR (Nov. 26, 2024), <https://www.npr.org/2024/11/26/nx-s1-5206864/trump-transition-agreement>. And when he did eventually submit the plan, it did not include an ethics pledge for President Trump himself. Lisa Rein and Isaac Arnsdorf, *Trump signs transition agreement with Biden, but it lacks key guardrails*, Wash. Post (Nov. 26, 2024), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2024/11/26/trump-transition-agreement-ethics-pledge-security-clearances/>. Additionally, when the Trump Organization issued an ethics plan for President Trump's second term in office last week, it excluded from the agreement key conflict-of-interest provisions that had governed the organization's foreign transactions during Trump's first presidency. Eric Lipton, *Trump Organization Issues Ethics Pledge for President-Elect's Second Term*, N.Y. Times (Jan. 10, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/10/us/politics/trump-ethics-conflicts-of-interest.html>. But see U.S. Const. art I, § 9, cl. 8 (foreign emoluments clause); *id.* art. II, § 1, cl. 7 (domestic emoluments clause).

²⁰ 5 U.S.C. § 7321 *et seq.*

²¹ DOJ, *About DOJ*, <https://www.justice.gov/about> (last visited Jan. 13, 2025).

Justice, investigating fraud, waste, abuse and other forms of misconduct by the agency's more than 115,000 employees.²² Among the inspector general's recent work, the IG has investigated allegations of politically motivated conduct,²³ found violations of ethical regulations by prosecutors²⁴ and reviewed the FBI's role in canvassing its field offices for threats before the January 6 insurrection.²⁵ The IG can complete these important reviews, however, only if the attorney general provides timely access to the materials needed by the IG and does not otherwise obstruct the IG's work.²⁶ For this reason, it is critical for Ms. Bondi to commit, during her confirmation hearings, to respecting and protecting the independence of the Department of Justice's inspector general, including committing to use her office to advocate against the current inspector general being fired without just cause.

The president has a right to nominate individuals who he thinks are best suited to help him govern. But our Constitution also entrusts the Senate with the duty of giving its advice and consent on presidential nominations.²⁷ CREW strongly urges the committee to carefully evaluate Ms. Bondi's nomination to be attorney general and, prior to voting on her nomination, ensure that she commits to exercising the immense responsibilities of that office in a nonpartisan manner, in accordance with the laws of the Constitution and with loyalty to the American people—not to President Trump.

²² *Id.*; see DOJ OIG, *About the Office*, <https://oig.justice.gov/about> (last visited Jan. 14, 2025); see also, e.g., 5a U.S.C. §§ 2, 8E, 12; *id.* § 4(d) (requiring that the inspector general report violations of criminal law to the attorney general).

²³ DOJ OIG, *Investigative Summary 25-019* (Dec. 30, 2024), <https://oig.justice.gov/sites/default/files/reports/25-019.pdf>.

²⁴ DOJ OIG, *Investigative Summary 25-003* (Oct. 24, 2024), <https://oig.justice.gov/sites/default/files/reports/25-003.pdf>.

²⁵ DOJ OIG, *A Review of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Handling of Its Confidential Human Sources and Intelligence Collection Efforts in the Lead Up to the January 6, 2021 Electoral Certification*, 25-011 (Dec. 2024), <https://oig.justice.gov/sites/default/files/reports/25-011.pdf>.

²⁶ 5a U.S.C. §§ 6(a)(1), 8E.

²⁷ Beth Reinhard, *Trump loyalist pushes 'post-Constitutional' vision for second term*, Wash. Post (June 8, 2024), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2024/06/08/russ-vought-trump-second-term-radical-constitutional/>.



January 13, 2025

Senator Alex Padilla
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Washington, DC 20510

RE: Pam Bondi, Nominee for U.S. Attorney General

Dear Senators:

On behalf of our 900,000 members and their families, Equality California, the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, writes to express our opposition to the nomination of Pam Bondi as U.S. Attorney General.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Ms. Bondi would oversee more than 10,000 lawyers nationwide who are tasked with investigating, enforcing, and crafting laws that touch virtually every aspect of people's lives. It should go without saying that the background and ethics of the nation's chief law enforcement officer should be exemplary. But rather than being directed by someone who is beyond reproach, the DOJ would be led by someone who has repeatedly undermined the law.

In 2020, Ms. Bondi spread voting conspiracy theories and made false allegations about election cheating in Pennsylvania. As chair of America First Policy Institute, Bondi doubled down on her charges of rampant electoral fraud by leading a multi-state challenge to an Executive Order intended to expand voting access and eliminate barriers to voting nationwide — one of the DOJ's core responsibilities. These activities alone should disqualify her from this position.

But it is Ms. Bondi's long-held positions on matters of primary importance to LGBTQ+ lives and wellbeing that prompt Equality California to express our deep reservations about her nomination.

As Florida's Attorney General, she vigorously fought to ban same-sex marriage and strongly opposed the rights of same-sex couples to adopt. According to the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, more than 391,000 children are in the U.S. foster care system on any given day. Over 113,000 of these children are eligible for adoption. But they will wait, on average, almost three years for an adoptive family even though same-sex couples are more than 7 times more likely to be raising adopted or foster children than opposite-sex couples. Had the Florida Court of Appeal not struck down an adoption ban on gay and lesbian people, Bondi's prejudice against same-sex couples would have deprived countless children in the Sunshine State of the opportunity to grow up in a loving home with LGBTQ+ parents.

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Ms. Bondi also spearheaded a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, which has provided millions of people and their families comprehensive, affordable, and nondiscriminatory healthcare for the first time.

Though the views of millions of Americans on LGBTQ+ issues have shifted over time, Ms. Bondi has not given any indication that she has reconsidered hers. Today, for example, support for same-sex marriage is supported by 69% of Americans. The Affordable Care Act has earned the support of 62% of Americans, and there are even higher levels of approval for different elements of the ACA.

We would therefore ask that you pose some questions to Ms. Bondi during Wednesday's confirmation hearings on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community to ascertain how she would approach some of the many issues that will be in her purview at DOJ –

Does she accept that marriage equality is now established law, and if so, and will she commit to protecting the rights and protections that are conferred by marriage?

In the wake of the 4th Circuit ruling, is Ms. Bondi still steadfastly opposed to adoption and fostering by same-sex parents?

The Affordable Care Act's nondiscrimination protections set forth in Section 1557 are of vital concern to countless people and their families. Will Ms. Bondi commit to safeguarding those protections on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity?

Thank you in advance for your work to ensure that the incoming Cabinet is staffed with officials who are competent and committed to the common good.

We appreciate this opportunity to express our strong reservations to Ms. Bondi's nomination for Attorney General and respectfully urge you to vote against her confirmation.

Sincerely,



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**STATEMENT OF
THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

**HEARING ON “THE NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE PAMELA JO BONDI
TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES”**

JANUARY 15, 2025

Chair Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and members of the committee: The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights is submitting this statement for the record in today’s hearing to voice our strong opposition to the nomination of the Honorable Pamela Jo Bondi to serve as the next attorney general of the United States. We urge the Senate to reject Ms. Bondi’s nomination.

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights is the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights coalition with a diverse membership of more than 240 national organizations working to build an America as good as its ideals. Since our founding in 1950, The Leadership Conference has helped to secure the passage of every major civil rights law, from the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1964, to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and many more.

Since the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) was created, it has served as our nation’s signature agency for the enforcement of our federal civil rights laws. It is of the utmost importance that the DOJ be led by an attorney general who is committed to defending the civil and human rights of all people and to ensuring the DOJ is fair and independent. In our democracy, the attorney general is the people’s lawyer, not the president’s lawyer, and has a sacred duty to enforce our nation’s laws without prejudice and with an eye toward justice. She must be seen by the public — every member of the public, from every community — as a fair arbiter of our legal system.

With the threats proposed in Project 2025, the America First Policy Institute’s “America First Agenda,” and the president-elect’s statements, the dangers posed to our multiracial democracy and to our fundamental civil and human rights are substantial. Unfortunately, a careful review of Ms. Bondi’s record has led us to conclude that she will not vigorously enforce our country’s civil rights laws as they were intended and that she will not uphold the agency’s longstanding independence from undue political influences.

Ms. Bondi’s record is profoundly troubling in several respects, as we have detailed below with a few examples:

Lack of Independence

Our next attorney general must serve all of us, not the whims of one person. Ms. Bondi's history of unflinching loyalty to President-elect Donald Trump suggests she possesses neither the independence nor the integrity to serve as attorney general. Her vigorous defense of Trump during his first impeachment,¹ her support of his election fraud claims,² and her accusations that those prosecuting Trump are "weaponizing the legal system"³ render her unable to lead the department, which relies on adherence to the rule of law above all else.

Voting Rights

Efforts to Overturn the 2020 Election: Ms. Bondi's shameful actions and statements following the 2020 election ought to, on their own, disqualify her from serving as attorney general of the United States. As a chief lawyer for Trump in the 2020 election, Ms. Bondi fueled unfounded and dangerous lies about voting conspiracies and election fraud. On the day after Election Day, she appeared at a Trump campaign press conference⁴ with former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani and falsely claimed that Trump had won Pennsylvania, despite the fact that nearly 1 million absentee ballots had yet to be counted.⁵ She challenged these valid absentee ballots in Pennsylvania, calling them "fake."⁶ Claiming that dead people had received ballots, Ms. Bondi appeared on Fox News the next day, stating that "We do have evidence of cheating" and "we are not going anywhere until they declare we won Pennsylvania."⁷ In fact, Trump lost Pennsylvania in 2020, and Ms. Bondi's false allegations of voter fraud were resoundingly rejected by both the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.⁸

Anti-Voting Rights Litigation at the America First Policy Institute: Since 2021, Ms. Bondi has chaired the Center for Litigation at the America First Policy Institute (AFPI), and she serves as co-chair of AFPI's Center for Law and Justice. Under her leadership, AFPI has filed a number of lawsuits that would disenfranchise a significant number of voters. For example, in 2024, AFPI sought to grant a local Georgia election board official the authority to unilaterally delay or deny the certification of elections.⁹ A Republican-appointed state court judge denied AFPI's claim, stating that "Election superintendents in Georgia have a mandatory fixed obligation to certify election results" and concluding that "[i]f election superintendents were, as plaintiff urges, free to play investigator, prosecutor, jury, and judge and so —

¹ Aaron Rugar, [Pam Bondi's been a punchline during the impeachment trial. But her role speaks to something important](#), VOX (Jan. 30, 2020).

² Beth Reinhard, [How Pam Bondi boosted Trump's election fraud claims in a key swing state](#), THE WASHINGTON POST (Dec. 16, 2024).

³ Sadie Gurman & C. Ryan Barber, [Trump Picks Pam Bondi for Attorney General After Gaetz Withdraws](#), THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (Nov. 22, 2024).

⁴ [Trump Campaign News Conference in Philadelphia](#), C-SPAN (Nov. 4, 2020).

⁵ [Trump Still Leads in Pa. as Suburbs Finish Count, Philly Adds Votes](#), NBC PHILADELPHIA (Nov. 4, 2020).

⁶ Ken Meyer, [Pam Bondi Hypes 'Fake Ballots,' 'Evidence of Cheating' in Pennsylvania Vote; Provides None to Fox & Friends](#), MEDIAITE (Nov. 5, 2020).

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ See *Kelly v. Commonwealth*, 240 A.3d 1255 (Pa. 2020); Amy Howe, *Justices won't stop Pennsylvania from certifying election for Biden*, SCOTUSBLOG (Dec. 8, 2021).

⁹ [Adams v. Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration](#), 24CV011584 (GA Superior Ct., Oct. 14, 2024).

because of a unilateral determination of error or fraud — refuse to certify election results, Georgia voters would be silenced.”¹⁰ Because 60 percent of Fulton County residents are people of color, Ms. Bondi’s argument would have disenfranchised huge numbers of voters of color.

In 2024, AFPI filed a lawsuit seeking to block President Biden’s Executive Order (EO) 14019, which promoted a whole of government approach to integrating non-partisan voter registration activities throughout agency programs, consistent with the bipartisan National Voter Registration Act of 1993.¹¹ In this lawsuit, AFPI falsely claimed that, among other things, the EO was “structured to increase voting in 2024 by noncitizens, likely including a significant number of illegal aliens.”¹² Trump-appointed Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk denied AFPI’s motion for a temporary restraining order on the ground that the AFPI had no standing and had provided no direct evidence to support its claims.¹³

Voter Disenfranchisement: Ms. Bondi’s troubling record on voting rights extends to her tenure as Florida’s attorney general. She sat on the state Clemency Board, which is responsible for reinstating the civil rights of those with a felony conviction, among other things. In 2011, she voted to change the state clemency laws to make it more difficult for people who had completed criminal sentences to have their voting rights reinstated, rolling back years of bipartisan reform.¹⁴ These changes included a requirement to petition the board for reinstatement and imposed a minimum five-year waiting period before their applications were considered.¹⁵ At the time, she wrote: “I fundamentally and philosophically oppose the concept of the automatic restoration of civil rights.”¹⁶ When a federal court held this process unconstitutional in 2018, Bondi appealed the order¹⁷ and secured a reversal.¹⁸

LGBTQ Rights

As Florida attorney general, Ms. Bondi defended an amendment to the state’s constitution that banned the recognition of same-sex marriages, even after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a similar federal law was unconstitutional.¹⁹ Ms. Bondi publicly justified her decision to continue defending the Florida amendment by arguing that it would be a “dereliction of duty” to not defend it. Despite stating that “I never said I don’t like gay people...that’s ridiculous” in another interview, she argued in court that recognizing same-sex marriages in other states would “impose significant harm” to the people of Florida.²⁰ Nearly a decade

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Am. First Pol’y Inst. v. Biden*, No. 2:24-CV-152-Z, 2024 WL 4920765 (N.D. Tex. Sept. 15, 2024).

¹² Complaint, [America First Policy institute et al v. Joseph R. Biden et al](#), 2:24-CV-152-Z (N.D. Tex., July 11, 2024).

¹³ *Supra* note 11.

¹⁴ Pam Bondi, [Upholding the Rule of Law](#), TAMPA BAY TIMES (Mar. 16, 2011).

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ Brent Kallestad, [Official says rights restored too easily](#), ASSOCIATED PRESS (Feb. 24, 2011).

¹⁷ Matt Dixon, [Bondi appeals federal court order to overhaul voter restoration process](#), POLITICO (Apr. 4, 2018).

¹⁸ [Appeals court grants Gov. Scott, Cabinet reprieve on revamping felon voting rights process](#), TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT (Apr. 25, 2018).

¹⁹ *United States v. Windsor*, 570 U.S. 744 (2013).

²⁰ Gregory Krieg, [CNN’s Anderson Cooper grills Florida AG Bondi over gay rights record](#), CNN (June 14, 2016).

later, there has never been any “significant harm” as predicted, and instead, the constitutional rights of millions of people — to have a choice in who you love and who you marry — have been recognized.

Census

As Florida attorney general, Ms. Bondi joined 10 other state attorneys general and two governors urging the U.S. Department of Commerce to include a citizenship question on the decennial census.²¹ While attempts to add such a question to the 2020 Census stalled due to the Supreme Court’s ruling that the administration’s reason for adding the question was pretextual, adding the question through approved procedures would also prove problematic. Such a move, which has again been proposed as part of Project 2025, would further sow fear and distrust in households across the country — particularly the millions of mixed-status households that can include native born citizens, foreign born citizens, and noncitizens — as people navigate an anti-immigrant climate and rhetoric. It would also undermine an accurate count, feed into government distrust, distort representation and federal funding flows, and increase the cost of conducting the decennial census, as more effort would be needed to conduct the count mandated in Article 1 and the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.

Health Care

Reproductive Rights: As Florida attorney general, Ms. Bondi defended state laws that required counseling and mandatory waiting periods for those seeking an abortion, imposing an undue burden on pregnant people. This included a law mandating that clinics counsel patients on the alternatives to and effects of an abortion — which was later declared unconstitutional²² — and a law imposing a required 24-hour waiting period.²³ She also joined Florida to amicus briefs that supported restrictions on abortion and contraception in several other cases, which included challenging a mandate that required employee health care plans to include coverage for emergency contraception,²⁴ defending Alabama laws that restricted any health clinic whose services include abortion from operating near schools and restricted the techniques that physicians were allowed to use,²⁵ and supporting a Texas ban on the standard procedure for abortion care after about 14-15 weeks.²⁶

Affordable Care Act: While Ms. Bondi served as Florida’s attorney general, the state led a lawsuit with 26 other states that sought to declare the Affordable Care Act (ACA) unconstitutional, which would have upended major health insurance reforms for millions of people who had previously been unable to obtain coverage. With Florida regularly leading the nation in people enrolled in a health insurance plan under the ACA,²⁷ Ms. Bondi’s actions threatened the health and wellness of millions of Floridians alone. The U.S.

²¹ David A. Lieb, [GOP attorneys general support citizenship question on census](#), AP NEWS (Apr. 15, 2018).

²² *Fulwider v. Senior*, No. 4:16-cv-00765 (Fla. N. Dist. Ct. 2016).

²³ *Gainesville Woman Care, LLC v. State*, 210 So. 3d 1243 (Fla. 2017).

²⁴ *Beckwith Elec. Co. v. Sebelius*, 960 F. Supp. 2d 1328 (M.D. Fla. 2013).

²⁵ *West Alabama Women’s Center v. Miller*, No. 17-15208 (11th Cir. 2017).

²⁶ *Whole Woman’s Health v. Paxton*, 972 F.3d 649, (5th Cir. Tex. August 21, 2020).

²⁷ Craig Pittman & Christine Sexton, [Florida leads the nation \(again\) In Obamacare enrollment](#), FLORIDA PHOENIX (Jan. 8, 2025).

Supreme Court ultimately rejected this argument in 2012.²⁸ In 2018, Ms. Bondi signed Florida on to another constitutional challenge to the ACA, reportedly without the direction of then-Governor Rick Scott.²⁹ This case was ultimately thrown out by the Supreme Court on procedural grounds with the Court ruling that the plaintiffs did not have standing to bring the case.³⁰

Politicization of the Federal Government

Ms. Bondi is the principal legal advisor for AFPI, which states in its “America First Agenda” that “[a]gencies should be free to remove employees for any nondiscriminatory reason, with no external appeals.”³¹ This position would go even further than Project 2025’s egregious proposal by eliminating civil service protections for nearly all federal workers and forcing them to serve the president’s political aims instead of the public interest. Given Ms. Bondi’s longtime fidelity to Trump and her work to further his political agenda through her work at AFPI, there is significant cause for concern that if she is confirmed to this position, the DOJ would terminate career lawyers just for disagreeing with the Trump administration’s policies.

Conclusion

Ms. Bondi lacks the commitment to defending the core tenets of our democracy and the civil and human rights of all people. Indeed, her active participation in and support of Trump’s efforts to overturn the 2020 election ought to be disqualifying in itself. Her actions raise serious doubts about her devotion to the rule of law, her professional legal judgment, and her ability to run a law enforcement agency without undue influence from Trump. It is worth noting that several other lawyers associated with this effort have been disciplined and even disbarred for their actions.³²

Meanwhile, as cited above, other aspects of her record raise significant doubts about her ability and willingness to act as the nation’s top enforcer of federal civil rights laws, particularly the Voting Rights Act — our most important civil rights law. For these reasons, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights strongly urges the Senate to reject her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. If you have any questions, please contact Jesselyn McCurdy, executive vice president for government affairs at The Leadership Conference, at jesselynmccurdy@civilrights.org.

²⁸ *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, 567 U.S. 519 (2012).

²⁹ Gary Fineout (@fineout), X (Jun. 13, 2018, 6:33pm), <https://x.com/fineout/status/1007028220414308360>.

³⁰ *California v. Texas*, 593 U.S. 659 (2021).

³¹ *Reform the Civil Service to Create Accountability in the Bureaucracy*, America First Agenda (2024).

³² Kyle Cheney, *Another Trump-aligned lawyer has law license suspended for role in 2020 scheme*, POLITICO (Oct. 31, 2024).

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RE: Letter in Opposition to the Confirmation of Pamela Jo Bondi as Attorney General of the United States

Dear Leaders Thune and Schumer, Chairman Grassley, and Ranking Member Durbin:

This letter expresses the Legal Defense Fund's (LDF) strong opposition to the confirmation of Pamela Jo Bondi as Attorney General of the Department of Justice (DOJ or Department). The DOJ is made up of more than 40 separate component organizations and oversees more than 115,000 employees.¹ The Department and its civil servants require a chief law enforcement officer who can take on the principal responsibility for enforcing the nation's civil rights laws. The responsibilities include challenging practices that violate the constitutional requirement of "equal protection under the laws." The Attorney General must be an impartial guardian of the law and one who will uphold the rule of law and maintain the integrity and independence of the DOJ. Furthermore, the DOJ requires a leader who will seek justice for the American people and not act for or at the pleasure and direction of the President. Ms. Bondi, former personal lawyer of President-elect Trump, lacks the impartiality and independence required to serve as the nation's chief law enforcement officer.

In 2020, Ms. Bondi made false claims that President-elect Trump won the state of Pennsylvania during the general election, although he lost by 80,000 votes.² She also alleged that there was fraud in the voting process and made unsubstantiated claims about "evidence of cheating" and "fake ballots" during the 2020 general election.³ Ms. Bondi's willingness to spread disinformation regarding the integrity of elections are dangerous and show a deviation from the impartial pursuit of facts which the DOJ seeks to uphold. It is well known that Ms. Bondi has an allegiance to President-elect Trump. On many occasions, Ms. Bondi has made public statements calling for the prosecution of President-elect Trump's political rivals. In 2016, Ms. Bondi publicly co-signed

¹ See <https://www.justice.gov/doj/doj-strategic-plan/mission-values-and-organization>.

² Beth Reinhard, *How Pam Bondi boosted Trump's election fraud claims in a key swing state*, The Washington Post (December 16, 2024) <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2024/12/16/pam-bond-attorney-general-2020-pennsylvania/>.

³ *Id.*

“lock her up chants” during her speech at the Republican National Convention in reference to Hilary Clinton, who was running for president against President-elect Trump.⁴ After President-elect Trump was indicted in the state of Georgia, Ms. Bondi appeared on Fox News and said, “The Department of Justice, the prosecutors will be prosecuted—the bad ones—and the investigators will be investigated.”⁵ Ms. Bondi’s public threats against DOJ officials raise grave concerns about her commitment to the rule of law.

Ms. Bondi has demonstrated a record that undermines key protections and benefits that impact our nation’s most vulnerable communities. During her tenure as Florida Attorney General, she sought to limit voting rights, led multiple failed challenges to the Affordable Care Act, and advanced anti-LGBTQ+ efforts.⁶ She has also exhibited alarming positions relative to criminal justice, policing, immigration, and education while serving as the Chair of American First Policy Institute’s (AFPI) center for litigation. AFPI is a group founded by former Trump officials to advance President-elect Trump’s policy agenda. In Ms. Bondi’s position at the AFPI, she led efforts to cast doubt on the integrity of our elections.⁷ LDF has released a more comprehensive report that addresses these areas of concern detailing her troubling record on civil rights and voting [rights](#).⁸

There is no hiding the disqualifying flaws revealed in Ms. Bondi’s harmful civil rights record. She has demonstrated an unwavering loyalty to President-elect Trump and has shown that her loyalty will take precedence over the facts. Her repeated false comments in public that declared President-elect Trump the winner of Pennsylvania in the 2020 general election, while also making baseless claims about widespread voter fraud are dangerous to the American people. Moreover, such rhetoric leads to increase intimidation of election officials who work to ensure our elections run smoothly. Ms. Bondi’s lack of respect toward the administration of our free and fair elections coupled with her extreme record on civil rights issues, disqualifies her for the role of leading the DOJ. Thus, LDF strongly urges the Senate to reject Ms. Bondi’s nomination to serve as the Attorney General of the United States.

⁴ Mitch Perry, *Pam Bondi cheers on ‘Lock her up’ chant to Hillary Clinton in RNC speech*, FLORIDA POLITICS (July 20, 2016) <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/216996-pam-bondi-cheers-lock-chant-hillary-clinton-rnc-speech/>.

⁵ Alexandra Hutzler, *What Pam Bondi, Trump’s new AG pick, has said about investigating DOJ prosecutors*, ABC NEWS, (January 2, 2024) <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/pam-bondi-trumps-new-ag-pick-investigating-doj/story?id=116136850>.

⁶ See <https://www.tampabay.com/news/politics/stateroundup/florida-response-to-lawsuit-gay-marriage-will-cause-harm/2182184/>.

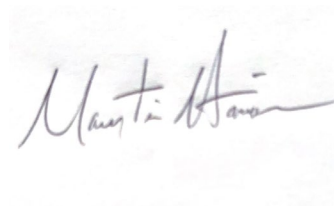
⁷ Beth Reinhard, *How Pam Bondi boosted Trump’s election fraud claims in a key swing state*, The Washington Post (December 16, 2024) <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2024/12/16/pam-bond-attorney-general-2020-pennsylvania/>.

⁸ See <https://www.naacpldf.org/wp-content/uploads/LDF-Pam-Bondi-Opposition-Report-2025-1.pdf>.

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Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the 225,000 advocates of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), I am writing to share our strong opposition to the nomination of Pam Bondi to serve as United States Attorney General.

As the nation's top law enforcement agency, the Department of Justice is responsible for protecting the civil rights of all people in America and vigorously enforcing our nation's landmark civil rights laws — led by the chief law enforcement officer, the Attorney General. This position is charged with a commitment to the Constitution, rule of law, and defending the rights of everyone. Yet, Ms. Bondi's anti-civil rights record suggests she would be unable to fulfill the primary duty of her role: equal justice.

Pam Bondi has long opposed fundamental civil right rights, including reproductive rights and LGBTQ+ rights. As Florida's Attorney General, Ms. Bondi led the state's efforts to restrict abortion access and reproductive health care by defending restrictive Florida laws and undermining *Roe v. Wade* and other reproductive freedom-related precedents through multi-state legal challenges. She has continued to be an outspoken critic of abortion rights, spreading disinformation about abortion, pressuring abortion seekers to carry their pregnancies to term, and hailing the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* Supreme Court ruling that overturned the federal right to abortion.

Of particular concern is how she has weaponized religion in support of her extremist views about reproductive health care. Ms. Bondi joined briefs in a series of legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive coverage benefit, supported by NCJW, arguing it unfairly burdened religious freedoms and exercise by requiring employers to provide insurance coverage for contraception — and stated that her “commitment to protecting religious liberty far transcends any particular view on the morality of contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs.” Ms. Bondi's personal religious beliefs have no place in shaping policy and imposing them not only undermines the separation of religion and state but also marginalizes minority faiths and non-religious individuals, eroding our rights and freedoms.

Pam Bondi's opposition to LGBTQ+ rights spans decades. She defended a 2008 Florida constitutional amendment barring same-sex marriage. In 2010, she expressed her intent to

“vigorously defend Florida’s law banning gay adoption,” which would restrict LGBTQ+ people from adopting children in Florida. And, as Attorney General, she fought against marriage equality in Florida even well after courts settled the matter. She argued for state enforcement of a discriminatory definition of marriage and defended the state’s ban on same-sex marriage against multiple legal challenges.

Ms. Bondi’s record on voting and elections is similarly concerning. She pursued election fraud claims in 2020 and has not retracted her statements or acknowledged spreading disinformation. And, at the America First Policy Institute, she brought at least five lawsuits aiming to hinder ballot box access or disenfranchise specific groups of voters.

Her long-time anti-immigrant positions are just as alarming. She has advocated for stringent immigration state-level laws, including urging lawmakers to adopt Arizona’s 2010 law that would allow police to ask individuals for their immigration documents when they were stopped or detained. And, as Attorney General, Ms. Bondi supported measures that would increase the criminalization of immigrants, especially undocumented individuals.

Given the work of the Department of Justice and the role of the Attorney General — to uphold the rule of law, keep our country safe, and protect civil rights — Pam Bondi’s record raises serious questions about her ability to be the leader at the helm of the Department of Justice that this country needs and the American people deserve.

The Attorney General is one of the most powerful positions in the federal government; Ms. Bondi’s record demonstrates that she is a threat to our civil rights — especially for women, religious minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, immigrants, and other marginalized communities. NCJW urges you to reject the nomination of Pam Bondi for the role of United States Attorney General.

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Re: Nomination for Attorney General

Dear Leaders Thune and Schumer, Chairman Grassley, and Ranking Member Durbin:

The National Fair Housing Alliance® (NFHA™) writes to respectfully request that the Senate thoroughly vet the nominee for Attorney General of the United States with respect to their commitment to civil rights. As the nation's top law enforcement agency, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is responsible for protecting the civil rights of all people in America and vigorously enforcing our nation's civil rights laws, including the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. The Attorney General holds one of the most critical civil rights posts in all of government.

By ensuring everyone can fairly access opportunity, we open the doors to individual advancement and enhance our collective prosperity. In particular, robust enforcement of our nation's fair housing and lending laws is critically important at this time, especially as DOJ's Combating Redlining Initiative has recently reached over \$100 million in settlements with a range of financial institutions including credit unions and non-depository institutions. Currently, the people of America are facing a fair and affordable housing crisis, with record-high housing costs, increased homelessness, and a record number of housing discrimination [complaints](#). By using the nation's civil rights laws to eliminate the distortions that bias inflicts upon the markets, the DOJ can ensure the markets operate fairly and efficiently to build a world where a person's zip code does not determine their outcome in life.

We urge the Senate to ensure that the next Attorney General of the United States shows a demonstrated commitment to:

- Preserving checks and balances. The nominee must understand that her role is to uphold the Constitution, not to demonstrate fealty to the President. The nominee must commit to acting with an independent legal judgment to uphold the nation's laws.

- Protecting established rights and freedoms. The nominee must commit to upholding the nation's longstanding civil rights laws, including the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. This commitment includes preserving:
 - The disparate impact theory of discrimination (upheld by the Supreme Court in [*Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project, Inc.*](#));
 - The prohibition of discrimination on the basis of "sex" to include sexual orientation and gender identity (upheld by the Supreme Court in [*Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*](#)); and
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives to ensure fair opportunities for all.
- Promoting fair and affordable housing for all households and communities. The nominee must commit to continuing the DOJ's critical work to combat housing discrimination, redlining, and appraisal discrimination so that all households and communities can realize the American dream of homeownership as well as stable, affordable housing.
- Supporting robust civil rights protections for housing-related automated systems, including artificial intelligence (AI). The nominee must commit to using existing civil rights laws to defend individuals and communities against unfair automated systems, including AI, that threaten access to housing, lending, employment, and other consequential opportunities.

Thank you for considering our views. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email at Lisa.Rice@nationalfairhousing.org or NFHA's Executive Vice President, Nikitra Bailey, at NBailey@nationalfairhousing.org.

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Re: Nomination of Pamela Jo Bondi to be Attorney General of the United States

Dear Senators Grassley and Durbin:

On behalf of the National Women's Law Center (the "Center"), an organization that has advocated on behalf of women and girls for over fifty years, we write in strong opposition to the confirmation of Ms. Pamela Jo Bondi to be Attorney General of the United States. Ms. Bondi's record on abortion access, LGBTQ rights, immigration, healthcare, and election denialism raises serious concerns about her capacity to serve as Attorney General. Her record also reveals a litany of ethical concerns and deep-seated political partisanship, casting doubt on her ability to protect the independence of the Department of Justice, uphold the Department's commitment to the rule of law, and enforce the laws that protect the rights of women and girls.

As the nation's chief law enforcement official, the Attorney General is responsible for enforcing federal laws, including laws of the utmost importance to women. The Attorney General is tasked with enforcing Title VII, Title IX, the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Voting Rights Act (VRA), and the Fair Housing Act (FHA), as well as core constitutional protections, including the Equal Protection Clause and the right to privacy. The Department of Justice, led by the Attorney General, also enforces federal hate crime laws, which create enhanced criminal penalties for crimes that target victims based on gender, race, sexual orientation, and disability, among other bases. Consequently, the Attorney General has a profound impact on the legal rights and very lives of women across this country.

During her tenure as Florida's elected Attorney General, Ms. Bondi spent eight years working to undermine the rights of women, girls, and LGBTQ people. Ms. Bondi received the Susan B. Anthony's List endorsement during her Attorney General race in 2010 for her extremist anti-

choice legal positions, especially regarding her opposition to “abortion funding in healthcare.”¹ She then joined the National Pro-Life Women’s Caucus in 2013, which is a network for women lawmakers seeking to pass anti-abortion legislation in their states.² As Attorney General, Ms. Bondi continued the fight against abortion access in 2015 by defending Florida’s 24-hour abortion waiting period.³ These waiting periods endanger women by undermining their ability to access timely and safe abortion services. In addition to her anti-abortion stance, Ms. Bondi spent years unsuccessfully fighting against marriage equality in the Florida courts, relenting only after the Supreme Court’s 2015 *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision recognizing a federal constitutional right for same-sex couples to marry.⁴ Ms. Bondi’s record as Florida’s Attorney General casts grave doubt on her willingness to enforce the laws that protect the rights of women, girls, and LGBTQ people and suggests that she will instead seek to undermine these protections. At a time when states are violating federal law requiring that emergency abortion care be provided when necessary to stabilize patients’ health and seeking to ban care critical to the lives and health of transgender people, her hostility to protecting the rights of women, girls, and LGBTQ people is profoundly dangerous.

In addition to her anti-abortion and anti-LGBTQ record, Ms. Bondi has shown support for discriminatory immigration tactics and engaged in concerted efforts to undermine affordable healthcare. Ms. Bondi has expressed hostility towards immigrants by calling for enactment of a Florida statute similar to Arizona’s infamous “show me your papers” law, effectively calling for systemic racial profiling in Florida.⁵ Moreover, under Ms. Bondi’s leadership, Florida joined litigation challenging the Obama administration’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy, which enabled hundreds of thousands of immigrants who entered the U.S. as children to remain and work legally.⁶ Ms. Bondi’s support for racial profiling laws and disregard for immigrants and their families impugns her commitment to protect rights.

¹ Susan B. Anthony Pro Life America, “SBA List Candidate Fund Endorses Pam Bondi,” April 27, 2010, <https://sbaproplife.org/newsroom/press-releases/sba-list-candidate-fund-endorses-pam-bondi>.

² Susan B. Anthony Pro Life America, “SBA List Launches National Pro-Life Women’s Caucus,” June 10, 2013, <https://sbaproplife.org/newsroom/press-releases/sba-list-launches-national-pro-life-womens-caucus>.

³ Michael Auslen, “Last-minute attempt to stop Florida’s new abortion waiting period falls short,” *Tampa Bay Times*, June 30, 2015, <https://www.tampabay.com/news/politics/stateroundup/fate-of-mandatory-abortion-waiting-period-unclear-hours-before-law-goes/2235672/>.

⁴ Hannah Rabinowitz and Evan Perez, “Trump’s AG pick Pam Bondi is more conventional than Gaetz, but the agenda to disrupt the Justice Department won’t change,” *CNN Politics*, November 23, 2024, <https://www.cnn.com/2024/11/23/politics/pam-bondi-attorney-general-justice-department/index.html#:~:text=Bondi%20also%20fought%20for%20years,sex%20couples%20can%20marry%20nationwide>.

⁵ Michelle L. Price and Colleen Long, “What to know about Pam Bondi, Trump’s new pick for attorney general,” *AP News*, November 25, 2024, <https://apnews.com/article/things-to-know-pam-bondi-eec1d16075c7debda62223b475e3977d>.

⁶ Marc Caputo, “Florida joins 17 other states in lawsuit against President Obama’s executive immigration plan,” *Miami Herald*, December 6, 2014, <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/national/article4299838.html>.

Ms. Bondi has also demonstrated her hostility to health care access, basing her campaign for Attorney General on the promise to use her position to challenge the Affordable Care Act.⁷ Ms. Bondi eventually joined several states in two separate lawsuits seeking to overturn the ACA in its entirety, eventually resulting in the Supreme Court’s 2012 *Florida v. Department of Health and Human Services* decision which resulted in more than 25 million Americans losing access to the Medicaid benefits that the ACA would have provided.⁸

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, Ms. Bondi’s record raises serious questions about her ability to follow, interpret, and enforce the law independently from the personal and political interests of Donald Trump, if confirmed as Attorney General. For example, in August 2013, when New York’s Attorney General filed a lawsuit against Trump University citing “fraudulent and deceptive conduct,” Ms. Bondi acknowledged that the Florida Attorney General’s office had reviewed numerous fraud complaints against the for-profit school.⁹ However, immediately after her PAC received a \$25,000 donation from the Trump Foundation in September 2013, Ms. Bondi declined to investigate or join New York’s lawsuit against Trump University.¹⁰ In the years since, she has further demonstrated that her loyalty to President-elect Trump is stronger than her loyalty to the rule of law. In 2020, Ms. Bondi made numerous election fraud claims without evidence or legal basis in states where President Trump lost his presidential race.¹¹ She filed several meritless election fraud lawsuits following the 2020 election.¹² Additionally, when then-presidential candidate Donald Trump called for the prosecution of his perceived political enemies on the 2024 campaign trail, she echoed these deeply un-American and anti-democratic statements.¹³ As Attorney General, Ms. Bondi would be the lawyer for the people of the United States, not Donald Trump’s personal lawyer. Ms. Bondi’s record raises serious concerns about

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Michael Van Sickler, “Pam Bondi’s (and Rick Scott’s) Texas-sized role in Affordable Care Act fight,” *Tampa Bay Times*, December 15, 2018, <https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/12/15/pam-bondis-and-rick-scotts-texas-sized-role-in-affordable-care-act-fight/>; Patrick Drake, Jennifer Tolbert, Robin Rudowitz, and Anthony Damico, “How Many Uninsured Are in the Coverage Gap and How Many Could be Eligible if All States Adopted the Medicaid Expansion?” *KFF*, February 25, 2024, <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/how-many-uninsured-are-in-the-coverage-gap-and-how-many-could-be-eligible-if-all-states-adopted-the-medicaid-expansion/>.

⁹ Eric Lipton, “Pam Bondi, a \$25,000 Donation and Trump University: Questions Remain,” *The New York Times*, November 22, 2024, <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/11/22/us/politics/pam-bondi-trump-university.html>; Alan Feuer, “Trump University Made False Claims, Lawsuit Says,” *The New York Times*, August 24, 2013, <https://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/25/nyregion/trump-university-made-false-claims-lawsuit-says.html>.

¹⁰ Eric Lipton, “Pam Bondi, a \$25,000 Donation and Trump University: Questions Remain,” *The New York Times*, November 22, 2024, <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/11/22/us/politics/pam-bondi-trump-university.html>. Note that this donation was later found to be illegal, and Mr. Trump was required to repay the illegal donation to the foundation. Ms. Bondi did not return the money.

¹¹ Sarah N. Lynch, “Trump’s attorney general pick Bondi questioned his 2020 election defeat,” *Reuters*, November 22, 2024, <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trumps-attorney-general-pick-bondi-questioned-his-2020-election-defeat-2024-11-22/>.

¹² *Id.*

¹³ Alexandra Hutzler, “What Pam Bondi, Trump’s new AG pick, has said about investigating DOJ prosecutors,” *ABC News*, November 22, 2024, <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/pam-bondi-trumps-new-ag-pick-investigating-doj/story?id=116136850>.

her ability to separate these roles and exercise legal judgment independently from the White House and provides additional grounds for rejecting her nomination.

In conclusion, given Ms. Bondi's record, the public can have no confidence that, as Attorney General, she would fairly enforce the critical laws and constitutional protections that are intended to secure equality, fairness, and opportunity for all Americans. Consequently, the National Women's Law Center strongly opposes the confirmation of Ms. Pamela Jo Bondi to be Attorney General of the United States and urges the Senate Committee on the Judiciary to reject his nomination. If you have questions about the Center's opposition to Ms. Bondi's nomination, please contact me, or Alison Gill, Director of Nominations & Democracy, at agill@nwlc.org.

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Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Durbin,

On behalf of our hundreds of thousands of supporters and activists nationwide, People For the American Way opposes the confirmation of Pam Bondi to be attorney general of the United States. She will not provide the needed check on the incoming president's promised abuses of power. Indeed, she appears more likely to collaborate in the abuses, rather than protecting the safety of every American.

This nomination comes at a unique time in American history. After losing to Joe Biden in 2020, then-President Trump engaged in a scheme to undo the election results, leading to the attack on the Capitol on January 6, 2021. The scheme failed, but our nation's unbroken tradition of a peaceful transfer of power came to a violent end. In the four years since, including in his successful campaign to regain the presidency, Trump has vowed to use the power of the federal government in a personal quest for revenge against those who have sought to hold him accountable for his betrayal of the United States Constitution.

But no such un-American abuse of power can be carried out by the president alone. It requires collaborators within government. In Trump's first term, there were patriots in his administration who refused to collaborate. They put their loyalty to America before their personal loyalty to Donald Trump.

With Trump returning to the White House, the Senate cannot responsibly confirm his nominees without being confident that they will put their loyalty to the nation and the American people before their personal loyalty to Donald Trump. That is especially important for nominees to the Department of Justice, which holds the power to launch criminal prosecutions and civil lawsuits. So it is particularly disturbing that Trump has chosen to nominate his own current or former personal attorneys as U.S. attorney general (Bondi), deputy attorney general (Todd Blanche), principal deputy attorney general (Emil Bove), and solicitor general (D. John Sauer).

Bondi represented Trump at his first impeachment trial in early 2020. Later that same year, she collaborated with his effort to undo the results of the presidential election, which he had lost. On November 5, she falsely asserted on television that "fake ballots" had been

submitted in Pennsylvania. When pressed by the interviewer, she backtracked to claiming that “there could be” fake ballots.ⁱ In fact, there was no support for the allegation. In that moment, Bondi showed her willingness to mislead the American people and undermine our democracy in order to advance Donald Trump’s personal interest in retaining power.

Bondi also had a behind-the-scenes role in trying to derail the efforts of the House committee investigating the January 6 insurrection to uncover the extent of Trump’s efforts to overturn the election. Trump White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson testified that Bondi and two other Trump supporters reached out to her before she testified in an apparent effort to make sure she put loyalty to Trump over her obligation to testify truthfully under oath:

What they have said to me is - what they had said to me is, as long as I continue to be a team player, they know that I'm on the team, I'm doing the right thing, I'm protecting who I need to protect, you know, I'll continue to stay in good graces in Trump World. And they have reminded me a couple of times that Trump does read transcripts and just to keep that in mind as I proceeded through my depositions and interviews with the committee.ⁱⁱ

Bondi has called for the Justice Department to take action against federal prosecutors who have sought to hold Trump accountable to the rule of law. In a Fox News appearance on August 26, 2023, she vowed that when Republicans regained the White House, “the prosecutors will be prosecuted, the bad ones. The investigators will be investigated. Because the deep state last term for President Trump, they were hiding in the shadows. But now they have a spotlight on them. And they can all be investigated.”ⁱⁱⁱ

These are not the words of someone who will stand up to Donald Trump’s efforts to use the Justice Department as the instrument of his revenge. Instead, she has made clear that she shares his dangerous and unconstitutional agenda.

Bondi’s affiliation with the far-right America First Policy Institute (AFPI) also disqualifies her from directing the Justice Department, which is tasked with protecting the rights and safety of all Americans. Since 2021, she has chaired its center for litigation and co-chaired its center for law and justice. Founder Brooke Rollins has bragged about the organization’s “revolutionary” plans to “seize control of the administrative state,”^{iv} which is coded language for gutting federal agencies’ ability to protect American workers, consumers, and communities from wrongdoing by powerful corporations.

Also disturbing is AFPI’s promotion of dangerous Christian nationalist rhetoric and its political alliance with dominionists who believe that certain kinds of Christians are meant to control the government and every other “mountain” or sphere of influence in society: education, media, arts and entertainment, family, religion, and business.^v AFPI is funded in part by billionaire Tim Dunn, who chairs its political arm, America First Works. Dunn is notorious for using his fortune and political bullying to punish even conservative political

leaders who don't fall in line with his demands. He reportedly told a top state Republican that he believes only Christians should hold leadership positions in the legislature.^{vi} That is contrary to core American values of religious freedom, pluralism, and the constitutional principle of church-state separation that protect religious liberty and personal freedom for all people.

In 2022, Bondi co-authored a *Daily Caller* op-ed^{vii} with Trump "spiritual warrior" Paula White, who denounces Trump's political opponents as demonic.^{viii} In 2024, AFPI partnered with Lance Wallnau, a leading proponent of Seven Mountains Dominionism, on a "Courage Tour" to support Trump's reelection. Wallnau has openly talked about a new Trump administration helping to promote Christian nationalism at home and abroad.^{ix}

When acting with integrity in the service of the American people, the Justice Department protects our civil rights, upholds the rule of law, and keeps us safe. That will not be Bondi's Justice Department. We urge the Senate to reject her nomination.

Sincerely,



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January 9, 2025

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and Committee Members:

On behalf of Reproductive Freedom for All and our four million members, we write in strong opposition to the nomination of Pamela Bondi to serve as the next Attorney General of the United States.

The Attorney General (AG) leads the Department of Justice (DOJ) and plays a critical role in ensuring that our most fundamental freedoms and rights are protected. In this capacity, the AG oversees federal litigation efforts, guides enforcement priorities, and determines how critical statutes—including those affecting reproductive freedom and abortion rights and access—are interpreted and enforced. An AG who supports this administration's anti-reproductive freedom agenda could restrict or undermine access in numerous ways, including:

- Leading litigation efforts to restrict access to medication abortion and/or emergency abortion care,
- Ceasing to investigate and prosecute violations of federal laws aimed at protecting reproductive freedom, including the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) and the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE Act),
- Willfully misinterpreting and misusing the Comstock Act to effectively ban abortion nationwide,
- Refusing to support the right to travel to access care, and
- Allowing the DOJ to become an instrument to monitor, track, and punish people for pregnancy outcomes, and/or support, endorse or collaborate with anti-abortion states in their efforts to punish people for accessing or providing care.

If confirmed as AG, Bondi's record of consistent, aggressive opposition to reproductive freedom clearly indicates that she would use the full weight of the DOJ to actively pursue policies and legal actions that limit access to abortion, contraception, and reproductive healthcare broadly.

During her time as Attorney General of Florida, Bondi led the state's efforts to restrict abortion access and limit reproductive healthcare. Her tenure was marked by aggressive legal action against abortion rights and contraception access, both through her defense of restrictive Florida laws and through her involvement in multi-state legal challenges aimed at undermining *Roe v. Wade* and other reproductive freedom-related precedents.

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For example, in 2017 she defended Florida’s mandatory 24-hour delay for abortion care – a law that imposed harmful and unnecessary delays in care, leading to significant barriers for people seeking care, particularly impacting people of color and people from low-income communities.¹ She also defended Florida laws that prohibited state funds from being allocated to clinics affiliated with abortion providers and required parental notification and consent before a young person could access abortion care, as well as other state regulations negatively affecting access to reproductive healthcare, despite concerns about their impact on privacy and autonomy.²

Beyond defending Florida’s harmful laws, she also joined several amicus briefs with other anti-abortion state AGs, including one in the landmark Supreme Court case *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt*. While the Court ultimately ruled against the anti-abortion plaintiffs, Bondi and others argued in favor of the constitutionality of Texas’ targeted restrictions on abortion providers (TRAP laws) that aimed to impose severe, medically unnecessary restrictions on abortion clinics.³ Additionally, she frequently joined briefs in a series of legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act’s contraceptive coverage benefit, arguing it unfairly burdened religious freedoms and exercise by requiring employers to provide insurance coverage for contraception. In the Tampa Bay Times, she defended her challenge to the contraception coverage benefit, stating that the “commitment to protecting religious liberty far transcends any particular view on the morality of contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs.”

Following her time as the Attorney General of Florida, Bondi continued to be an outspoken advocate for restricting abortion rights. She publicly opposed federal abortion protections and frequently criticized the Biden administration’s policies to protect reproductive freedom. In a Fox News interview, Bondi called it “bizarre” that Biden held a “pro-abortion” event in Tampa, falsely arguing that abortion is not a priority for most Americans.⁴ She has also spread disinformation about abortion and advocated for pressuring abortion seekers to carry their pregnancies to term.⁵

As a longtime ally of Donald Trump, Bondi has consistently championed anti-abortion policies aligned with his agenda. While serving as Chair of the Constitutional Litigation Partnership and Co-Chair of the Center for Law and Justice at the America First Policy Institute (AFPI), a “prominent right-wing think tank”, she hailed the Supreme Court’s 2022 ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* as a “historic win.”⁶ Bondi and other AFPI members praised Trump’s “leadership and commitment to life” as pivotal in ending the protections of *Roe v. Wade*.⁷ AFPI, more deeply embedded in Trump’s “political machine than any other outside player,” has aggressively advanced its extremist, anti-abortion agenda, aiming to further erode access to reproductive healthcare during Trump’s second term.⁸

Beyond reproductive freedom, the AG is more broadly tasked with leading the DOJ in enforcing federal laws, defending constitutional rights, and serving as the nation’s chief law

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enforcement officer. Bondi's record strongly suggests that she will be President Trump's lawyer first and foremost, not the nation's lawyer. In addition to serving as a Special Advisor to President Trump at the Office of White House Counsel, Bondi's record on voting rights demonstrates a concerning commitment to undermining democratic processes, restricting access to the ballot box, and amplifying unfounded allegations of election fraud.

This pattern of threatening our democratic norms is clearly illustrated following the 2020 election. Bondi was a prominent member of the Trump campaign's legal team, playing a key role in promoting conspiracy theories and disinformation. As a leading attorney on the effort to overturn the election results, she participated in legal challenges in Georgia, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania, alleging that "fake ballots" diluted legitimate votes and further advanced false narratives of widespread fraud.⁹

In her roles at AFPI, Bondi has spearheaded the group's efforts to disenfranchise voters even further through lawsuits to erode voting rights and election integrity. She has repeatedly advocated for restrictive voting policies, criticizing measures by the Biden administration to enhance voter registration and access, including leading a multistate effort to overturn a pro-voting Biden executive order aimed at expanding voting access, and filing lawsuits in Arizona seeking to roll back voter protections.¹⁰

Beyond her troubling record on reproductive freedom and her commitment to President Trump at the expense of democratic principles, Bondi has fought against key rights and fundamental equality throughout her career. Her record shows she is a staunch opponent of LGBTQ+ rights¹¹ and gender justice,¹² and a supporter of anti-immigrant policies.¹³

Reproductive Freedom for All strongly opposes Bondi's nomination. Given her alarming record on reproductive freedom, her demonstrated record of prioritizing President Trump and his agenda over her duty to the American people, and her opposition to our fundamental freedoms, it is evident her nomination poses a serious threat to reproductive freedom, justice, and equality. We strongly urge the committee to vote "no" on her nomination.

Sincerely,

Reproductive Freedom for All

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Monday, January 13, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Grassley

Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin

Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

The Society for the Rule of Law is a national membership organization of conservative, center-right, and libertarian lawyers and like-minded citizens who prioritize the defense of the rule of law, the Constitution, and American democracy. Many of our members have served in the Justice Department, both as career attorneys and as high-level Republican appointees.

With that background, I write to you today on behalf of the Society to share our perspective on the confirmation process for America's next attorney general.

Over its history, the professionalism and integrity of the Justice Department and its people have served the national interest. At its best, the Department is an essential pillar in the American inheritance of liberty under law, advancing public safety and national security while defending individual rights and liberties. We also understand that the Department has fallen short of its own standards at times, and we are mindful of the great harm that can be done if its powers are misdirected or its integrity undermined.

The Senate's essential role of advice and consent concerning senior Justice Department officials provides a critical check to ensure each successive administration, regardless of party or policy agenda, remains committed to the Department's central mission, not presidential whim. As Alexander Hamilton wrote in *The Federalist Papers*, absent a meaningful Senate confirmation process, a president's choice of nominees "would be governed much more by his private inclinations and interests."

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The Senate must ensure a nominee will serve the public interest. Above all, it must be satisfied that a Justice Department nominee would apply his or her significant prosecutorial powers on behalf not of the president, but Justice itself. This commitment is reflected in the Department's motto: "*Qui Pro Domina Justitia Sequitur*," which roughly translates to "Who for Lady Justice Strives."

We urge the Committee to set politics aside in consideration of the current nominee and to consider her merits in light of her suitability for the position of attorney general. We believe that every president is entitled to appointees who support his or her administration and will willingly advance its policy agenda. But those appointees must perform the duties of their office consistent with the law, the Constitution, and their oath of office. The president, any president, is not entitled to appointees who will serve his or her whim if it means betraying these higher commitments. An attorney general, while a member of the administration, serves as an attorney not for the president, but for the United States.

An attorney general nominee should commit to the Committee that he or she will:

- Respect the principle that the law applies equally to everyone and no one is above the law;
- Protect against both the reality and appearance of personal or political interference in the administration of justice, especially of criminal law;
- Defend the integrity of the career staff of the Department of Justice, whose "zeal and determination, and ... concern for fairness and impartiality" (in Edward Levi's words) are indispensable;
- Support the independence of inspectors general, who play essential roles in unearthing governmental corruption;
- Recuse him or herself from matters that give rise to a conflict of interest and ensure that others at the Department do so;
- Demand that the executive branch participate in regular and transparent congressional oversight, and not stonewall reasonable requests for information;
- Respect the role of the judiciary as the branch responsible for saying what the law is;
- Clearly advise the president if a proposed action would violate the law or the Constitution, and refuse to carry out such an action.

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Ultimately, before voting to confirm a nominee for attorney general, senators must satisfy themselves that the person will serve justice and the American people. As part of the executive branch, that means faithfully following the lawful prescriptions of the president, but it also means saying no to the president when necessary.

Respectfully,



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Executive Director

Society for the Rule of Law