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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard Durbin
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Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write in support of the nomination of Ms. Harmeet K. Dhillon, Esq. to be Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and encourage the Committee on the Judiciary (“Committee”) to report her nomination favorably to the Floor of the Senate expeditiously and without delay.

The signatories of this letter represent non-partisan organizations from across the ideological center-right and conservative election integrity community and maintain an unbreaking focus—as we are sure both of you do—to ensure every eligible American citizen who wishes to cast a ballot is able to do so and that each ballot is counted according to law. Our organizations’ missions are dedicated to the free, fair, and secure administration of elections across the United States.

President Trump’s nominee for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Ms. Dhillon, has dedicated her entire professional life to the preservation and protection of civil rights, with a particular focus on the equal application of laws concerning the right to vote for American citizens. Her unwavering dedication to the rule of law and protection of the right to vote is evidenced by her experience across the ideological spectrum, which includes her tenure as Chair of the Audit and Election Committee for the American Civil Liberties Union (“ACLU”) of Northern California and the recognition of *pro bono* service by the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, as well as her work at the Center for Individual Rights (“CIR”) and her founding of the Center for American Liberty, a non-profit, public interest law firm dedicated to the preservation and affirmation of constitutional rights.

In her work to defend Americans’ civil rights from government overreach through litigation, as well as in her testimony before Congress, public speaking engagements, and broad corpus of writings, Ms. Dhillon is a steadfast defender of the integrity of American elections, supporting proposals such as photographic voter identification requirements to guarantee each voter’s right to cast their own ballot and to protect against vote dilution, regular and extensive maintenance of voter registration lists to maintain voting by mail as a viable, secure, and accessible alternative to voting in person, and prohibitions on the use of unaccountable, private funds to finance the public administration of elections.

Each of her election integrity policy efforts is centered on the idea that voting is a fundamental constitutional right that must be protected from undue interference.

As Ms. Dhillon said recently, “[i]t’s important at the outset to recognize an obvious yet fundamental prerequisite to the successful functioning of our form of government; it only works if the governed believe in it Collective trust in the democratic process[] is essential.”¹ Indeed, for Ms. Dhillon, voters’ confidence in elections is not simply a nice talking point but foundational to each and every civil right enjoyed by American citizens.

Ms. Dhillon has distinguished herself among members of the bar as a highly capable attorney peered by few. Harmeet’s colleagues and clients value her ability to dispatch with ease the most complicated legal issues, reaching the kernel of an issue immediately when its essence has eluded even the most qualified. Her character is without reproach, and her reputation for honesty, integrity, and frank communication is without equal.

We have complete confidence not only in Ms. Dhillon’s capabilities with respect to the position of Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights but also in her dedication to the rule of law, to the preservation and exercise of individual constitutional rights, and to the enforcement of the guarantee of free, fair, and secure elections in the United States.

For these and other reasons, it is without reservation that we support and recommend Ms. Harmeet K. Dhillon for confirmation as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. We encourage in the strongest terms the Committee to advance her nomination to the Floor of the Senate with a favorable report without delay.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lisa Dixon
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/s/ Christian Adams
President and General Counsel
Public Interest Legal Foundation

/s/ Derek Lyons
President and CEO
Restoring Integrity and Trust in Elections

¹ Harmeet K. Dhillon, Written Testimony, *Protecting Free Speech in American Elections*, Hrg. before the U.S. H. of Reps. Comm. on H. Admin. (May 11, 2023), https://cha.house.gov/_cache/files/c/d/cdc2a8ae-4a92-426f-85b5-6bf0405bed77/C86C280AB0E0E9D7FE10B804B76C5497.hkd-house-admin-committee-testimony-may-2023-hkd-final.pdf.