August 19, 2022

The Honorable Jon Tester  
Chairman  
Committee on Veterans’ Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
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United States Senate  
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Re: Nomination of Anjali Chaturvedi to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs

Dear Chairman Tester and Ranking Member Moran:

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Anjali Chaturvedi to serve as the General Counsel for the Department of Veterans Affairs. We represent a broad, bipartisan group of current and former government officials who have worked with Anjali in government and the private sector over the past three decades.

Over a legal career spanning thirty years in public and private service, including work in all three branches of government and senior roles in highly regulated global organizations, Anjali has demonstrated an incisive legal mind, unwavering integrity, strong listening skills, an ability to achieve consensus and understanding across diverse teams and perspectives, and a firm commitment to the public good. She would serve our Veterans with the legal acumen and patriotic values that we have seen her exemplify as a lawyer, supervisor, leader, and colleague.

Whether it was prosecuting violent gangs and murderers or working on some of the most complex criminal environmental litigation in the country, Anjali has successfully navigated some of the most difficult issues a lawyer can face. In making decisions and giving legal advice, she is guided by the law and the highest legal ethics. She is a principled counselor who always leads by example, mentoring younger lawyers and inspiring those whom she leads and serves. Anjali is also committed to training aspiring lawyers. She has been an adjunct law professor and provided pro bono legal services throughout her career.

Anjali will bring to the Department of Veterans Affairs her experience in all three branches of government and in the private sector, where she learned the importance of listening to varied constituencies and forging consensus. She has made a powerful impact in each of her leadership roles, building diverse and inclusive teams to enhance decision making and outcomes through consideration of different perspectives and experiences. She has also demonstrated courage of conviction and superior interpersonal skills throughout her years of practicing law.

Anjali believes deeply in public service. After starting her legal career as a judicial clerk in the District of Columbia, Anjali served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia and the Northern District of California, including in supervisory roles. She also worked in the Senate as Counsel to Senator Dianne Feinstein on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and recently returned to public service at the Department of Justice following her sixteen years in the private sector. In each role, she has demonstrated her strong commitment to working for the
public good, applying thoughtful analysis and compassion to decision-making and committing to outcomes that are appropriate and just.

Our Veterans deserve an exceptional General Counsel working for them and their families. Anjali will remain steadfast to the law and will keep our Veterans at the center of her work. We have no doubt that, if confirmed, Anjali will faithfully serve the VA and the public, and she will make sure that Veterans get the service, benefits, and care that they have earned. If Anjali is confirmed, the VA will gain a highly capable, conscientious, and hard-working legal counsel. We urge you to confirm her as General Counsel for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with the Committee.

Sincerely,

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