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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

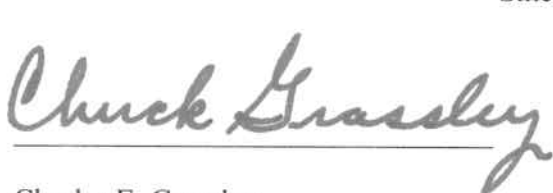
As Ranking Members of the full Judiciary Committee and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, we ask that you work with us to gain sequential referral of the nominee to lead the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The President nominated Sarah R. Saldaña on August 28 for this important position, and she has been referred initially to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs.

The Assistant Secretary for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement plays an important part in carrying out our nation's immigration policies. If confirmed, she will have substantial responsibility to enforce the laws on the books and any laws passed out of our Committee. Because our committee has jurisdiction over immigration matters, it is critical that Judiciary Committee Members have an adequate opportunity to discuss with the nominee issues facing the agency and its personnel.

As you may recall, since the inception of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, every previous nominee selected to lead this agency has been sequentially referred from the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee to the Senate Judiciary Committee.<sup>1</sup>

Given the important policy matters to be discussed with the nominee as well as the strong institutional and jurisdictional reasons not to depart from this precedent, we hope you will agree with us on the need to process this nomination through the Judiciary Committee before Ms. Saldaña is considered by the full Senate, consistent with past practice.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Senate Judiciary Committee



John Cornyn  
Ranking Member  
Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration,  
Refugees and Border Security

<sup>1</sup> Michael J. Garcia (PN451, 108th Congress). Sequential referral unanimous consent agreement entered into on June 13, 2003; Julie L. Myers (PN93, 110th Congress). Sequential referral unanimous consent agreement entered into on September 27, 2007; John Morton (PN153, 111th Congress). Sequential referral unanimous consent agreement entered into on April 29, 2009.