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**LDF Statement on Confirmation of William Barr to Serve as Attorney
General of the United States**

Despite widespread opposition from civil rights advocates, the Senate voted today to confirm William P. Barr as the next Attorney General of the United States. [Sherrilyn Ifill](#), President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), released the following statement:

“In confirming William Barr to serve as Attorney General of the United States, the Senate has once again confirmed a nominee who lacks a clear commitment to restoring the Department of Justice’s leadership in defending civil rights. Our strong opposition to Mr. Barr was rooted in a thorough review of his record, and his failure to offer a clear vision during his confirmation hearings for enforcing our core civil rights laws and protections.

“The tenure of Attorney General Jeff Sessions struck a blow to the integrity and credibility of the Department. We now call on Attorney General Barr to demonstrate that he will take a different path than Mr. Sessions. It is imperative that Mr. Barr set a clear agenda for civil rights enforcement in the Department. He can begin by mobilizing federal resources to challenge voter suppression, by lifting Mr. Sessions’ ban on investigating patterns and practices of police misconduct, and by presenting a comprehensive plan to address the rise in hate crimes. While we hope that Attorney General Barr will turn a new page at the Department, we remain clear-eyed about what is to come, and we will continue to challenge any attempt by this Administration to undermine equal justice under the law.”

Read LDF’s overview of Mr. Barr’s record [here](#).

Read LDF’s letter opposing Mr. Barr [here](#).

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