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**LDF Issues Statement Following the Confirmation Hearing for
Kristen Clarke, Nominee for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights**

Today, the United States Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing to consider the nomination of Kristen Clarke for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), issued the following statement after the hearing:

“Today, America had a chance to see the Kristen Clarke we know: poised, fair, dedicated, compassionate, and a brilliant lawyer. Ms. Clarke is a distinguished civil rights attorney and LDF alum who has dedicated her entire career to the pursuit of equal justice under the law. Her record as a civil rights champion for all people in America is unassailable. She has held positions in government and the nonprofit sector representing various communities protected by our nation’s civil rights laws.

“Ms. Clarke’s experience and tenacious leadership will be invaluable in returning the Justice Department to its long-held duty of civil rights enforcement after the previous administration’s shameful abdication of this responsibility. Her professional record, integrity, and character highlight exactly why she is the absolute right choice for this role. Indeed, her extensive experience in civil rights issues — including, but not limited to voting rights, election protection, educational equity, hate crimes, and police accountability — epitomizes the skill set needed to shepherd the department through its next chapter.

“We call on the Senate Judiciary Committee to advance Ms. Clarke’s nomination — and the full Senate to confirm her — so the Department of Justice can employ her expertise to undertake critically-needed and urgent civil rights enforcement work.”

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