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Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: Support for the Confirmation of Harmeet Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Israeli-American Civic Action Network (ICAN), I am writing to express our strong support for the confirmation of Harmeet Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice. Ms. Dhillon's distinguished legal career, unwavering commitment to civil liberties, and dedication to equal justice make her an exceptional choice to lead this critical division.

For over two decades, Harmeet Dhillon has been a nationally recognized advocate for constitutional rights and civil liberties. A graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia School of Law, Ms. Dhillon has built a reputation as a skilled litigator and a tireless defender of individual freedoms. As the founder of the Dhillon Law Group, she has led landmark cases addressing First Amendment rights, religious liberty, and free speech, while combating systemic discrimination and harassment.

Ms. Dhillon's deep understanding of civil rights law and her practical experience in addressing complex legal challenges position her to advance justice and equity for all Americans. Her leadership will bring a renewed focus to the Civil Rights Division's critical mission of protecting vulnerable communities and ensuring equal treatment under the law.

ICAN urges the Committee to prioritize the following areas during her confirmation process and tenure:

1. **Implementing the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism in Educational Institutions:** Advocate for the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism in schools, aligning with Executive Order 13899 and building upon its precedent. Promote the integration of this definition into state and local policies, particularly through the advancement of the Antisemitism Awareness Act (AAA).
2. **Enhancing Training on Jewish Identity for Educators and Administrators:** Support professional training programs that equip school staff to identify and respond effectively to antisemitism, fostering respect and inclusion in education.
3. **Strengthening Policies to Address Antisemitism and Hate in Schools:** Develop clear reporting mechanisms, enhance hate crime data collection, and enforce swift disciplinary actions against perpetrators of antisemitism in schools.
4. **Enhancing Hate Crime Enforcement and Data Collection:** Prioritize enforcement of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, with a focus on crimes motivated by religious and ethnic biases. Advocate for improved data collection under the FBI's Hate Crime Statistics Program to ensure accurate tracking of antisemitic and other hate-related incidents.

Ms. Dhillon's proven track record in defending civil rights and combating discrimination will ensure the Civil Rights Division remains a vital force for justice, equity, and inclusion. Her leadership will address critical challenges, including the alarming rise in antisemitism, and strengthen the Division's ability to protect vulnerable communities while upholding America's core values.

ICAN respectfully urges the Committee to support Harmeet Dhillon's confirmation and to advance a thorough and timely review process. We look forward to working with her to address shared priorities and to promote justice and equality for all Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

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