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To The National LGBT Bar Association:

It is my privilege to submit this letter of support on behalf of my friend and colleague, Michael Bosworth. I have known Michael for nearly eight years as we entered the U.S. Attorney's Office together in the fall of 2005. Over the course of that period, I have worked closely with Michael in a variety of capacities as we developed from junior prosecutors to unit supervisors together. Michael is a very rare breed: a self-deprecating, street-smart intellectual possessed of an unwavering sense of fairness, a love for the law, and a lethal sense of humor. As a prosecutor, his commitment to the protection of the disadvantaged and the vulnerable is as enduring as his resolve to prosecute the guilty. And in the pursuit of these twin aims, Michael remains devoted to his colleagues. To put it simply, in an office full of accomplished attorneys, Michael stands in a class by himself.

By any traditional metric, Michael's academic and professional achievements to date are impressive: a *summa cum laude* graduate of Princeton, an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*, a Supreme Court clerk, the Deputy Chief of the Public Corruption Unit in our Office, and the lead prosecutor on some of the most significant public corruption cases in the country.

It was no surprise then that Michael was named Co-Chief of the Complex Frauds Unit in 2011 at the age of 34 and after serving less than six years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. In that role, Michael leads a team of prosecutors and investigators who handle the most diverse docket of cases in our Office and, possibly, in any federal district: computer hacking, intellectual property theft, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations, and tax crimes, to name but a few. And to do so effectively, he must manage a network of relationships with a constellation of federal agencies, ranging from the FBI to the IRS to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. There are few in our Office capable of navigating this complex set of subject areas and client agencies as the job requires mastery of a broad range of criminal statutes, the management skills to maximize the potential of 20 strong-willed prosecutors, an experienced trial lawyer's judgment

to maintain the trust and the confidence of the Office leadership, and the proper demeanor to interact with a wide variety of audiences. Michael was the natural choice, and he has succeeded brilliantly.

But his academic and professional accomplishments, while noteworthy, do not explain why Michael is so respected and admired by those of us who work with him every day. In an office steeped in tradition and success, the safe choice for a young prosecutor is to follow to the letter the example set by your predecessors, conforming yourself and your thinking to that of your colleagues at all times. While Michael maintains a deep and abiding appreciation for the opportunity to serve as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York and always exhibits proper deference when appropriate, Michael does not instinctively follow the current. He is the genuine article. Creative, skeptical, exacting and indefatigable, Michael seeks out the right answer every time, refusing to blindly accept the last answer or the traditional answer. And in the process, he never hesitates to express an opinion or challenge the status quo.

As the product of a public-service oriented family, Michael's view is decidedly outward and he is innately generous with his time and his talents. Whether he is staying up through the night to help a member of his unit re-write his first jury address, or giving his time to our Office's Diversity Committee, or spending his weekend on the phone counseling a teenager in need, Michael is committed to using his extraordinary abilities for others.

It is for this reason - not any academic or professional achievement - that so many, like myself, are proud to call themselves his colleague and his friend. And it is for this reason that he is a true credit to the Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, and the LGBT legal community.

Sincerely,



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