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VIA FACSIMILE (202) 228-3997 and (503) 326-2900
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Senator Jeff Merkley
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Oregon Women Lawyers Urges Rejection of Nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions
for Attorney General of the United States

Dear Senator Merkley:

On behalf of Oregon Women Lawyers, I am writing to urge you to reject the
nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions for Attorney General of the United States.

Oregon Women Lawyers is one of the largest organizations of legal professionals in
the State of Oregon with more than 1500 members. Our membership is open to all
in the legal field who support our mission, making Oregon Women Lawyers a diverse
community—diverse in geography, beliefs and backgrounds. The common thread
that ties our members together is a shared commitment to transforming the
practice of law, and ensuring justice and equality by the advancement of women
and minorities in the legal profession. Oregon Women Lawyers is devoted to
promoting equality and fair treatment for all people in our society in general and in
our justice system particularly.

Oregon Women Lawyers urges you to reject the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions
for the position of Attorney General of the United States because of his record on
civil rights issues.

If confirmed as Attorney General, Sen. Sessions would be responsible for enforcing
our nation's civil rights, immigration, environmental, voting, and national security
laws. His record on these issues, however, gives us serious concerns about his ability
to fairly enforce these laws.

As you know, in 1986, Sen. Sessions was rejected for a federal judgeship on a
bipartisan vote by the Senate Judiciary Committee because of concerns about his
record on civil rights issues and his history of statements and actions reflecting bias



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The Attorney General—as the head of our country’s justice department and the primary legal advisor to the rest of our government—must be devoted to upholding our laws and protecting the most vulnerable members of our community. Given his history, Senator Sessions should be disqualified from consideration.

Sincerely,

s/Laura Craska Cooper

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Senator Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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