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## MANA Opposes Sessions Nomination for Attorney General

**Washington, DC - January 10, 2017** - In the strongest of terms, MANA opposes the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions to serve as Attorney General of the United States. Senator Sessions has a long record of opposition to fundamental Civil Rights, as evidenced by his Senate vote against the Violence Against Women Act, consistent positions against voter ID laws, same-sex marriage, immigration reform, and activism against federal judicial appointments. These represent not only his political leanings, but his ideological intentions as he has, in effect, served as a vote for hate groups such as Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) and Center for Immigration Studies (CIS).

“As the Administration of President-Elect Donald J. Trump takes shape, MANA joins scores of Civil Rights organizations and leaders in clearly opposing the confirmation of Senator Jeff Sessions to serve as the Attorney General. The state of Civil Rights at this time in history is too critical to be placed in the hands of an individual who has only shown disdain for Civil Rights and is a known advocate to stifle equality and fairness under the law,” said MANA President and CEO, Amy Hinojosa. She concludes, “We call on the Senate to exercise moral judgment and reject the confirmation of Senator Sessions.”

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