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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Nomination of Michael Horowitz

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing this letter in support of Michael Horowitz's nomination to become the Inspector General of the Department of Justice.

I was the Inspector General of the Department of Justice from 2000 to 2011. Based on my experience and my knowledge of Mr. Horowitz's character and qualifications, I believe Michael has all the qualities, both professional and personal, to be an outstanding Inspector General.

Mr. Horowitz worked in the Department of Justice in various capacities and performed admirably in those roles. As an Assistant United States Attorney and Chief of Staff in the Criminal Division, he developed a deep knowledge of the Department's operations, which will help him immeasurably in the role of Inspector General. His work on the Sentencing Commission also will be useful when overseeing Office of the Inspector General (OIG) law enforcement operations.

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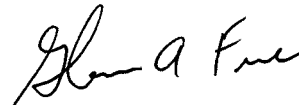
Michael has also had a distinguished career in private practice and a stellar academic background.

Most important, Michael has the independence and tenacity to become a superb Inspector General. I believe he will not shy away from hard challenges or making tough judgments in the role of Inspector General, even when his decisions may be controversial or unpopular. Michael also has the strong interpersonal and management skills to successfully lead a large organization such as the OIG.

Knowing how difficult the job is, I believe it is essential for someone with outstanding qualities to fill the position. Michael is such a person, and I give him my unreserved recommendation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Glenn A. Fine