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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dickerson Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
135 Hart Senate Office Building
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Chairman Leahy and Senator Grassley:

I am writing to support President Obama's nomination of Mr. Michael E. Horowitz to be the United States Department of Justice's Inspector General. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Horowitz since 1991, when he became an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York.

By way of background, from 1990-1999, I served as a special agent, assistant special agent-in-charge, and special agent-in-charge in the Office of the Inspector General. I worked under Inspectors General Richard Hankinson, Michael Bromwich, and Glenn Fine. Subsequently, I served as the Executive Deputy Inspector General for the State of New York. Currently, I am the Public Safety Director for the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

During my tenure in the DOJ-IG, I worked closely with Mr. Horowitz on a number of complex public corruption investigations. Mr. Horowitz distinguished himself among his peers through his tireless efforts, dedication, knowledge of the law and investigative methods. As our careers have progressed, I have remained in contact with Mr. Horowitz and continue to be impressed by his professional accomplishments and his personal integrity.

In my opinion, there is no position more important than protecting the integrity of the U.S. Department of Justice. I believe Mr. Horowitz would continue the tremendous leadership of his predecessors, and move the OIG forward as it fulfills this critical mission. Therefore, it is without reservation that I recommend Mr. Horowitz to be the Department of Justice's next Inspector General.

If I can be of further assistance or provide additional information please contact me at (317) 327-7650.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Straub, Ph.D.
Director