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Honorable Patrick Leahy
437 Russell Senate Bldg
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Honorable Charles Grassley
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Grassley:

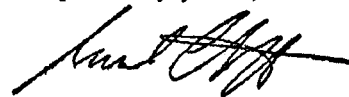
I write in strong support of the nomination of Michael Horowitz for the position of Inspector General for the Department of Justice.

When I assumed the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in June 2001, I retained Michael Horowitz as my Chief of Staff, continuing from his prior service under my predecessor. I worked closely with Michael for approximately a year and have since dealt with him both professionally and as a social friend.

Michael Horowitz is an outstanding attorney and public servant. He has broad experience as a line prosecutor and held a position of responsibility at Main Justice. Michael's broad prosecutorial experience prepares him well for the complex investigative challenges that face the Inspector General. His integrity is beyond approach. Having worked with Inspectors General, I have no doubt that he would be an outstanding Inspector General, vigorous but fair and with excellent judgment. Michael served in both Democratic and Republican administrations and demonstrated his absolute impartiality and independence during that service.

I strongly endorse his nomination and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully yours,



Michael Chertoff

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