

May 20, 2013

United States Senate
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Grassley, and Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

I write in strong support of the nomination of Tony West to be Associate Attorney General.

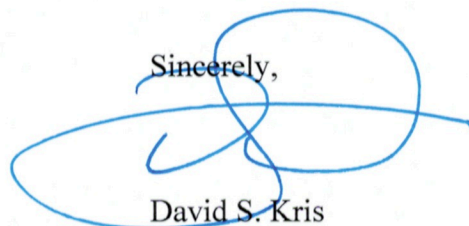
I met Tony in 2009, when I was Assistant Attorney General for National Security and he was Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division at the Department of Justice. Over the next two years, we worked and spent time together at DOJ. Since I left government in 2011 and Tony assumed his current role as Acting Associate Attorney General, Tony and I have stayed in touch.

Tony has had a distinguished career in government and the private sector, having worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, a private law firm partner, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, and most recently in an acting capacity in the position for which he has been nominated. He is a very capable and experienced lawyer, a highly effective manager, and a strongly bipartisan leader. He has the utmost integrity, and the greatest respect for the rule of law.

Tony has earned my trust, confidence and respect. I have the utmost confidence that he will continue to serve with great distinction.

I urge the Senate to confirm Tony West to serve as Associate Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' and 'K' intertwined, with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David S. Kris