

February 24, 2017

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Rod J. Rosenstein to become the next Deputy Attorney General.

As you know from his questionnaire, Rod is a career public servant who has spent almost his entire professional career at the Department of Justice. He has experience in the Criminal Division and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. He also served in the Deputy Attorney General's office during a Democratic administration and in a senior leadership position in the Tax Division in a Republican administration. I recommended him to the President to serve as U.S. Attorney for Maryland, a position he has held through both Republican and Democratic administrations.

Rod has the maturity, temperament and judgment necessary for the individual who serves in the number two position at the Justice Department. The depth and breadth of Rod's experience, spanning multiple divisions, including 12 years as a U.S. Attorney, make him an ideal fit to serve as Deputy Attorney General.

If confirmed, I am confident Rod will continue to do what he has done for his entire professional career: put the interests of the United States and our Constitution first in seeking to render fair and impartial justice. I am pleased to join with all others who have endorsed him for the position of United States Deputy Attorney General.

Respectfully,



Alberto R. Gonzales  
U.S. Attorney General, 2005 – 2007

Cc: Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
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