

December 13, 2013

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write this letter in strong support of John Carlin's nomination to be the next Assistant Attorney General of the National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. We are former colleagues of Mr. Carlin who worked with him when he served as a career prosecutor and as Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff to FBI Director Robert Mueller.

Mr. Carlin has the necessary experience, both substantively and in management, that the role of Assistant Attorney General of the National Security Division demands. He began his career with the U.S. Department of Justice fourteen years ago as a career prosecutor and has since served in a number of distinguished positions, including most recently as the Acting Assistant Attorney General of the National Security Division and as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff. In his leadership positions both at the FBI and the National Security Division, he has supervised prosecutors and agents on some of the most sensitive national security issues and cases. In every capacity, Mr. Carlin has worked with great distinction, integrity, intelligence, and professionalism.

Since 2007, Mr. Carlin has been focused on national security. He understands national security writ large. Of critical importance to this position is the ability to collaborate with others - both in the U.S. and abroad - on intelligence matters. Mr. Carlin has worked with and is a well-respected leader within the national security and intelligence communities. He understands the importance of building consensus, while at the same time pursuing the objectives that he believes are right and in our national interest. In doing so, he exercises tremendous judgment.

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In sum, Mr. Carlin is highly qualified and intelligent. He will lead and inspire as the Assistant Attorney General and will greatly contribute to the security of our nation. We are pleased to provide our highest recommendation and support for his nomination.

Yours sincerely,

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