

February 16, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write in support of the nomination of Joseph H. ("Jody") Hunt to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. All of us have held positions in the United States Department of Justice and either served with Jody or are familiar with his work. Based on our experiences, our knowledge of Jody's work, and his nearly two-decade tenure as a career civil servant in the Civil Division, we believe Jody is exceptionally qualified to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Jody Hunt has had a distinguished career, both in public service and private practice. A graduate of Columbia Law School and a law clerk to Judge James Hancock, Jody practiced law in Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, Georgia, becoming a partner at King & Spalding. He joined the Department of Justice in 1999, as an attorney in the Civil Division. He went on to become a career Director in the Federal Programs Branch of the Division, where he handled some of the government's most complicated and challenging litigation, while overseeing more than 100 attorneys and staff. In recognition of his exemplary work, Jody received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service on three separate occasions. More recently, he has served the Department as Chief of Staff to the Attorney General.

We have seen first-hand that Jody is a talented lawyer and an effective leader. His knowledge of the Civil Division and his experience with the types of cases it handles is unsurpassed. In addition, we can attest to Jody's good judgment, character, and integrity. We are confident that he will bring these same qualities to his service as Assistant Attorney General. We strongly urge his swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

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