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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
290 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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331 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Graham, Ranking Member Feinstein, and Members of the Committee:

I write in support of the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen to become Deputy Attorney General of the United States. I served as Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Transportation from 1997-2006. Mr. Rosen served as the Department's General Counsel from 2003-2006. There were many matters during this period on which the Inspector General and the Department's General Counsel were required to interface and engage, ranging from post-9/11 matters, safety in all modes of transport, regulatory issues, airline competition issues, ethical requirements, and personnel issues, to name just a few.

Based on my experience and almost daily interactions with Mr. Rosen, I am certain that he will bring to the Department of Justice a commitment to the highest standards of public service. It is not only his keen analytical mind and capacity to get to the bottom of the most complex of issues in a fair and equitable manner, but also the respect he has for the institutions of government and the role each plays—the executive, legislative, and judiciary, which I believe make him especially well-suited for the position. Mr. Rosen has the core values of ethics, integrity, and competence that are so vitally important and indispensable to the position of Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Rosen's respect for the independence and statutory role of the IG was absolute and he understood entirely the IG's responsibility to keep Congress fully and completely informed on a strictly non-partisan basis. I considered the working relationship with Mr. Rosen, then-Secretary Norm Mineta, and the Office of Inspector General, to be the gold standard for how IGs could be most effective in discharging their audit, investigative, and reporting responsibilities. I am confident Mr. Rosen will carry this forward to the relationship he will have with the Department of Justice Inspector General.

The Department of Justice and our country will be well-served to have a leader with Mr. Rosen's ethics, experience, and intellect in the position of Deputy Attorney General.

Sincerely,



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