

February 11, 2025

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman, United States Senate  
Committee on the Judiciary  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Ranking Member, United States Senate  
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***Re: Confirmation of Todd W. Blanche for Deputy Attorney General of the United States***

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We, the signatories below, are all former United States Attorneys and former U.S. Department of Justice officials who write in support of the confirmation of Todd W. Blanche as Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

As former U.S. Attorneys and former Department of Justice officials, we are in a unique position to evaluate the qualifications of Todd W. Blanche to serve as our nation's Deputy Attorney General. The U.S. Deputy Attorney General, the second-ranking official in the Department of Justice, requires a tireless work ethic, unassailable integrity, meticulous legal thinking, and sound judgment. Mr. Blanche possesses all of these qualities in abundance. His past experience as a top federal prosecutor and extensive experience at the highest levels of white-collar private practice have prepared him well for this most important role.

Mr. Blanche grew up near Denver, Colorado, and graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute. He earned his undergraduate degree from American University School of Public Affairs and later attended night classes at Brooklyn Law School where he served as an editor of Brooklyn Law Review. After law school, Mr. Blanche served as a law clerk for U.S. District Judges Denny Chin and Joseph Frank Bianco – both who now serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Mr. Blanche joined the prestigious U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York after his clerkships and served as a federal prosecutor for nearly a decade. His expertise and professionalism were noted by his superiors, and he was appointed co-chief of the Violent Crimes Unit and of the White Plains Division. In these roles, Mr. Blanche investigated and prosecuted a variety of complex criminal cases involving public corruption, fraud, RICO violations, and violent crimes.

Following his service as a federal prosecutor, Mr. Blanche worked for years as a litigator at major law firms before founding his own law firm. In the course of his private practice, Mr. Blanche has

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been the counsel of record for several high-profile defense matters, including the defense of President Donald J. Trump in several landmark cases that have historically shaped constitutional doctrine.

Mr. Blanche is a special nominee in that he brings decades of experience both as a prosecutor and defense attorney to the role of Deputy Attorney General. These experiences have given Mr. Blanche a deep respect for and familiarity with the Department of Justice, the rule of law, and the principles of the United States Constitution. Mr. Blanche's experience, professionalism, integrity, and deep expertise make him the perfect candidate for the role.

We strongly urge you to support his confirmation.

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