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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:

We are writing to support the confirmation of Rod Rosenstein to become Deputy Attorney General. Each of us as served as Deputy Attorney General and we know first-hand the demands of the position. We also know and have worked personally with Mr. Rosenstein. We know that he is highly qualified to serve as Deputy Attorney General.

For the last 12 years, Mr. Rosenstein was the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, a large and busy office. Appointed by President George W. Bush, he had the distinction of being the only United States Attorney from the prior Administration asked to continue in office beyond a transition period by President Barack Obama, and he served in that position throughout the Obama Administration. Before that, he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division at the Justice Department, an Assistant United States Attorney, an Associate Independent Counsel, a trial attorney in the Department's Criminal Division, and a senior assistant in both the Criminal Division and the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. Thus, he has spent virtually all of his career as a prosecutor, rising from a line attorney to United States Attorney.

Mr. Rosenstein has demonstrated the legal acumen and the management skills that are required of a Deputy Attorney General. He knows the Department well and has the respect of her peers both in the Department and out. Most important, he has great personal integrity and we know that he will strive to protect the Department's high standards, long tradition of independence and fealty to the rule of law.

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We are confident that Mr. Rosenstein would serve the Department and the nation well if the Senate were to confirm him.

Sincerely,

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