

March 24, 2025

Chairman Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member Dick Durbin
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

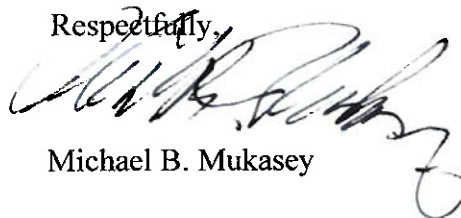
I served as the 81st Attorney General of the United States under President George W. Bush from 2007 to 2009, and before that as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York, from 1988 to 2006. I enthusiastically endorse the nomination of John Eisenberg to serve as Assistant Attorney General for National Security.

As you may recall, the period of my service as Attorney General was a time of heightened national security concerns. During John's service as Associate Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel, I worked with him frequently on matters relating to counterterrorism, national defense and intelligence gathering. We have stayed in touch since, including during his service as Legal Advisor to the National Security Council and Deputy Counsel to the President for National Security.

John's work was marked by scrupulous integrity, intellectual rigor, a commitment to the rule of law, and dedication to protecting the security of our country. These qualities were brought to bear with a calm demeanor that inspired the confidence of colleagues and superiors alike, and an ability to translate complex legal principles into actionable guidance, and to do so even under the intense pressure inherent in dealing with national security issues. At a time when we face a complex and dynamic array of threats – including cyberattacks, terrorism and geopolitical tensions, John's extensive experience at both the Justice Department and the White House could not be more useful.

In sum, I believe he has the experience, and the qualities of mind and character that suit him ideally to head the National Security Division.

Respectfully,



Michael B. Mukasey