

**QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD FOR U.S. ATTORNEY NOMINEES**  
**FROM SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE RANKING MEMBER DIANNE FEINSTEIN**

1. Please describe your experience in the selection process for the position of U.S. Attorney, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated both with those inside and outside of the government). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for U.S. Attorney? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with White House staff, U.S. Senators or their staff, the Justice Department, or outside groups regarding this nomination. Additionally, indicate whether you met or otherwise interacted with the President concerning your nomination. Do not include any contacts with the Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.
2. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a U.S. Attorney nominee—including but not limited to individuals at the White House, at the Justice Department, or at outside groups—asked you to make any representations or commitments as to how you would handle a particular case, investigation, or matter, if confirmed as U.S. Attorney? If so, explain fully.
3. Did you make any representations to any individuals—including but not limited to individuals at the White House or at the Justice Department, or at outside groups—as to how you might handle a particular case, investigation, or matter, if confirmed as U.S. Attorney? If so, explain fully.
4. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a U.S. Attorney nominee—including but not limited to individuals at the White House, at the Justice Department, or at outside groups—discussed with you the investigation being led by Special Counsel Robert Mueller? If so, explain fully.
5. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a U.S. Attorney nominee—including but not limited to individuals at the White House, at the Justice Department, or at outside groups—discussed with you the Justice Department’s order of succession? If so, explain fully.
6. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a U.S. Attorney nominee—including but not limited to individuals at the White House, at the Justice Department, or at outside groups—discussed with you whether you would terminate Robert Mueller as Special Counsel if asked to do so by the President? If so, explain fully.
7. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a U.S. Attorney nominee—including but not limited to individuals at the White House, at the Justice Department, or at outside groups—discussed with you the firing of James Comey as FBI Director? If so, explain fully.

8. At any point during the process that led to your nomination, did you have any discussions with anyone—including but not limited to individuals at the White House, at the Justice Department, or at outside groups—about your loyalty to President Trump? If so, please elaborate.
9. At any point during the process that led to your nomination, did you have any discussions with anyone—including but not limited to individuals at the White House, at the Justice Department, or at outside groups—about your loyalty to Attorney General Sessions? If so, please elaborate.

**Response of Joseph P. Kelly to Questions for the Record for U.S. Attorney Nominees**  
**From Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein**

I did not keep detailed records of my experience in the United States Attorney nominee selection process. The following is a general description of events surrounding my nomination, to the best of my recollection. On or about November 15, 2016, I sent a letter to Senator Deb Fischer expressing my interest in the U.S. Attorney position. On or about November 18, 2016, I submitted an electronic application to the Trump transition team website. On or about November 21, 2016, I provided my resume and other materials to Senator Fischer. I continued to communicate my interest in the position with staff for Senator Fischer and Senator Ben Sasse.

In July 2017, I interviewed at the Department of Justice, including with Attorney General Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein on or about July 18, 2017. Thereafter, I submitted to a background investigation and completed a Senate Judiciary Committee Questionnaire, as well as other forms. I had multiple contacts with Department of Justice employees to complete paperwork and handle logistics. On December 1, 2017, President Trump nominated me to serve as the United States Attorney for Nebraska. No one involved in the process of selecting me as a U.S. Attorney nominee asked me to make a commitment as to how I would handle a particular case, investigation, or matter, if confirmed as U.S. Attorney. No one involved in the process of selecting me as a U.S. Attorney nominee discussed with me the investigation led by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, the Justice Department's order of succession, whether I would terminate Robert Mueller as Special Counsel, or the firing of James Comey as FBI Director. No one has asked me to commit that I will be loyal to the President or the Attorney General, and I have not made such a commitment. If I am fortunate enough to be confirmed as the United States Attorney for Nebraska, my sole loyalty will be to the Constitution and to the people of the United States and Nebraska.