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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of John P. Carlin

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in strong support of the nomination of John Carlin to serve as Assistant Attorney General for National Security.

I got to know John in early 2009, when I began serving as National Security Council Legal Adviser and Deputy White House Counsel. At that time John was Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel for Director Mueller at the FBI. We worked together regularly on significant national security matters and I always found John to be very skillful, knowledgeable, and insightful about national security law and policy.

As you know well, the Justice Department's National Security Division serves vital law enforcement and intelligence functions. I developed a deep appreciation for the Division's role when I had the pleasure of working for Chairman Leahy on the Judiciary Committee staff in NSD's early days. John's background – as a prosecutor, at the FBI, and as a senior leader at NSD for the past two years – prepare him exceptionally well for the challenges of that office. In addition to his broad experience in law enforcement and intelligence, John has shown a particular interest in the cyber threat to national security, which is a key challenge for the National Security Division. Through his work on cyber issues at NSD, John has demonstrated that he has the expertise and creativity that is needed to address this difficult issue.

For all of these reasons, I urge the Senate to confirm John Carlin as Assistant Attorney General for National Security.

Sincerely,

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