

**Statement of Support for the Nomination of John Carlin as  
Assistant Attorney General for National Security, Department of Justice**

I am writing in support of the nomination of John Carlin as the Assistant Attorney General for National Security. I first met Mr. Carlin in 2011, when he became the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for National Security and while I was serving in my first year as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Over the next two-and-a-half years, until I retired from CIA in September 2013, I had numerous interactions with Mr. Carlin. The vast majority of those interactions were at Deputies Meetings of the National Security Council. I was a sitting member of the group, with Mr. Carlin either attending as a backbencher to then Assistant Attorney General for National Security, Lisa Monaco, or attending as the DOJ principal when Ms. Monaco could not make a meeting.

Throughout our time together in Deputies, I found Mr. Carlin to be the consummate professional. He was always prepared, he was articulate and persuasive when he spoke, and he asked excellent questions of the other participants. I also found Mr. Carlin to be respectful of the views of others as well as open-minded, ready to change his position when faced with new data.

In addition to his performance, Mr. Carlin certainly has the experience required to do the job. He was a successful federal prosecutor, he served as a senior aide to FBI Director Mueller, and he served, of course, as Ms. Monaco's principal deputy. An undergraduate degree from Williams and a law degree from Harvard are also of significance.

Despite his pedigree, I never found Mr. Carlin to be arrogant. Quite the contrary, I found him to be personable and approachable. I think he will do well leading the men and women of the National Security Division.

It is for all these reasons that I am pleased to add my name to those government officials and former government officials who believe Mr. Carlin would make an outstanding Assistant Attorney General.

Sincerely

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