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**Re: Confirmation of United States Attorney Rod Rosenstein for Deputy Attorney
General of the United States**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

It is with considerable pride that the National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys (NAAUSA) addresses the nomination of Rod Rosenstein to be our next Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Rosenstein is a former Assistant United States Attorney and the current United States Attorney for the District of Maryland. In our view, Mr. Rosenstein is a prosecutor's prosecutor, whose goal is to protect the innocent and bring justice to those who violate our laws.

From the very inception of his career Mr. Rosenstein has distinguished himself, first as a scholar at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (B.S. Economics – summa cum laude), then at Harvard Law School as an editor of its Law Review, and finally as a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Being committed to a life of public service, Mr. Rosenstein then joined the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section, where he prosecuted public corruption cases. He quickly rose through the ranks to Counsel, to Deputy Attorney General, then to Special Assistant to the Chief of the Criminal Division, and then to Associate Independent Counsel. In 1997, he was hired as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, with responsibility for prosecuting a wide range of cases and arguing before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2001, Mr. Rosenstein began serving a Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division at DOJ. In 2005, Mr. Rosenstein was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, a position he currently holds. The depth of Mr. Rosenstein's experience and qualifications can best be appreciated by the simple fact that he has served as a United States Attorney for almost 12 years, a rare event. During his tenure as United States Attorney, he has served with distinction on several subcommittees of the Attorney General's Advisory Counsel.

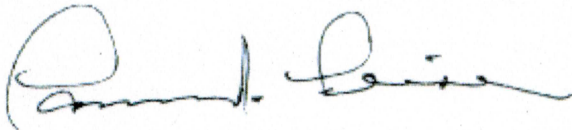
Throughout his distinguished career as an Assistant United States Attorney, Department of Justice official, and presidentially appointed United States Attorney,

Mr. Rosenstein has demonstrated a dedication to the rule of law and a commitment to justice. His record of service demonstrates that he is a proven leader who knows the inner-workings of the Department of Justice and understands its critically important role in the American legal system. His many years of dedicated service in the trenches prosecuting violent criminals, drug traffickers, and fraudsters have caused him to see firsthand the destruction that crime causes for victims, their families and society at large. His past managerial role in the fight against crime has prepared him to serve as Deputy Attorney General.

In order for Assistant United States Attorneys to effectively do their job, they need superiors who have proven themselves to be smart, aggressive, respected and experienced leaders. We consider Rod Rosenstein exceptionally well-qualified to become the next Deputy Attorney General. His prompt confirmation will guide and assist Assistant United States Attorneys to fully execute their responsibilities to protect the innocent, prosecute the guilty, and defend our government.

Thank you for your support and for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lawrence J. Leiser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Lawrence J. Leiser
Vice-President, NAAUSA

cc: Members of Senate Judiciary Committee