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Hon. Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
Hon. Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nominations

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am writing to support the nominations of Rod Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General and Rachel Brand to be Associate Attorney General. I believe that they have the intellect, integrity and ability to perform these important jobs and I urge that they be confirmed.

I have served in the Department of Justice for eleven years, as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division, and as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General. In addition, I had extensive contact with the Department during my recent tenure as General Counsel for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. I understand the importance of both of these positions to the effective operation of the Department, to protecting our Nation, and to the confidence that the American public has in the fair and unbiased enforcement of the law.

I have known Rod Rosenstein for over twenty years, since he and I worked closely together in the Criminal Division. I have watched him rise through the ranks of the Department, to acting Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division and United States Attorney, and had occasion to deal with him professionally while I was at ODNI. Rod has served with distinction in every position. He is thoughtful, careful and dedicated. He has excellent judgment and outstanding management skills, as shown by his success in taking what had been a troubled United States Attorney's Office in Maryland and improving it dramatically. As a result of his success, Rod is the rare United States Attorney who was asked to serve by both Republican and Democratic Presidents. Because of his lengthy career, including his service on the Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys, Rod understands the Department of Justice at all levels.

While I have not known Rachel Brand as long, I worked closely with her during her service as a member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. In this position she had

the important job of helping to ensure that our Nation's counterterrorism policies are carried out with appropriate respect for privacy and civil liberties. She is smart, hard-working and collegial, and has been an effective public advocate for the work of the PCLOB and the national interests of the United States. In her work on the PCLOB she showed a firm understanding both of the importance of intelligence activities to our national security and of the importance of conducting those activities in a manner that respects the individual rights and with appropriate transparency. Her past service at the Department has also given her important insight into the operations of the Department.

In short, I believe that Rod Rosenstein and Rachel Brand are outstanding nominees for the positions of Deputy Attorney General and Associate Attorney General and that, if confirmed, they will serve the American people well. I hope that they can be promptly confirmed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RL', written in a cursive style.

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