

March 24, 2025

Chairman Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member Dick Durbin
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of John Eisenberg to serve as Assistant Attorney General for National Security. President Trump has made a strong choice in nominating John to this position, and I am thrilled at the prospect of John once returning to public service.

I have known John for over 25 years. We were students together at the Yale Law School in the 1990s, and we worked together as deputy assistant attorneys general in the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC") during the George W. Bush Administration. We also worked closely during President Trump's first term, where I served as Assistant Attorney General for OLC from November 2017 through January 2021, and John served as Deputy Counsel to the President and Legal Advisor to the National Security Council.

John is a lawyer of the highest integrity and of excellent judgment. He is a lawyer's lawyer, whose work is consistently marked by intellectual rigor, a dedication to the rule of law, and a deep-seeded commitment to our national security. John's career has been marked his consistent willingness to dedicate his skills to the service of the Nation. During the first Trump Administration, John repeatedly demonstrated his commitment to ensuring that President Trump and his national security team received candid and principled legal advice, and that the national security policy makers made their decisions consistent with the law.

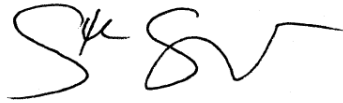
I worked with John on countless different matters, many of which involved our Nation's most sensitive and important programs, and ones that frequently required John to advise on complicated issues of domestic and international law, often on a highly expedited time frame. We worked together in providing legal advice on the President's use of military force, covert actions, treaty powers, and the laws governing foreign intelligence surveillance. His performance was marked by grace under fire and a capability to distill complicated legal issues to succinct actionable advice. John worked through multiple National Security Advisers and multiple White House Counsel, each of whom appreciated the value that he brought to the President and to the Administration.

In sum, I believe John has the experience, judgment, legal acumen, and character that suits him well to head the National Security Division. At a time when we face a complex and dynamic array of threats—including cyberattacks, terrorism, resistance to

necessary sanctions, and geopolitical tensions, John's extensive experience at both the Justice Department and the White House could not be more useful.

I recommend him to this Committee without reservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sk Sv' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven A. Engel