

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The undersigned, four former Deputy Directors of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), unconditionally support the nomination of Lisa Monaco for the Deputy Attorney General for the Department of Justice.

We have worked with Ms. Monaco throughout her professional career and in many different capacities including; as Special Counsel to former FBI Director Mueller, Chief of staff for Director Mueller, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division of the Department of Justice, and Homeland Security Advisor for President Obama. Throughout our careers at the FBI, including our role as Deputy Director, we had the opportunity to work with Ms. Monaco on a day-to-day basis for a number of years. Ms. Monaco demonstrated a keen intellect, sound and unbiased judgement and outstanding leadership to not only succeed as Deputy Attorney General but also to bring unparalleled insights leveraging her prior experience in government. Ms. Monaco handled some of the most sensitive national security issues during her tenure at the FBI, the DOJ and the White House. She has shown the competence, character, collaboration and communication skills required for this position. We have never observed Ms. Monaco allow “politics” to play a role in decisions or operations. She skillfully interacted with many agencies in the U.S. Intelligence Community as well as with our international partners to resolve threats facing our country. We found her to be an intelligent and dedicated professional working daily to protect our national security interests. She has a unique ability to work across multiple agencies, departments, interests and positions to solve challenging issues that our country faces.

Ms. Monaco’s Department of Justice experience as an effective prosecutor and her understanding and experience at the Department of Justice, the FBI, the White House National Security Council and the Intelligence community, make her exceptionally well qualified to take a leadership role as Deputy Attorney General of the Department of Justice. We believe she is the right choice with the right background and the right leadership capabilities for this position and highly recommend her.

We all have different leadership styles, working in both Democrat and Republican administrations, and have the utmost respect for Ms. Monaco's leadership capabilities and admiration for her dedication to public service over these many years.

Sincerely,

John Pistole

Timothy Murphy

Sean Joyce

Mark Giuliano