

March 3, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Rachel L. Brand

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write in support of the nomination of Rachel Brand to be Associate Attorney General. We are a bipartisan group of former government officials who have known Rachel throughout the course of her career, including in her various positions in government service.

The Committee has before it Rachel's impressive resume, with service in the Office of the Counsel to the President, Department of Justice, and the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, as well as in the private sector. The Senate twice confirmed her unanimously for prior appointments, under both President Bush and President Obama. There is no doubt that Rachel is highly qualified to serve as Associate Attorney General.

In addition to her paper qualifications, we can attest to Rachel's upstanding character and commitment to the rule of law. We firmly believe the Department of Justice would benefit from her service. She has earned our respect and admiration for many reasons, including her intellect, her legal and managerial abilities, and her willingness to listen and consider all points of view before reaching a conclusion. She would bring these attributes to the Office of the Associate Attorney General and serve the Department well.

We urge the Committee to act expeditiously on her nomination and report her favorably.

Sincerely,

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