Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write in support of the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen to be the Deputy Attorney General of the United States. All of us have held positions in the United States Department of Justice and have either worked with Jeff or are familiar with his work. Collectively, we served in a wide range of roles within the Department, including as prosecutors, civil litigators, and senior Department officials. Based on our experiences and our knowledge of Jeff’s service in government, his familiarity with the Department from his government service, and his work in private practice, we believe he is highly qualified to serve as Deputy Attorney General.

Jeff has had a distinguished career in public service and private practice. As Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Jeff is the chief operating officer of a large, multi-component agency, much like DOJ. When he served as General Counsel of the Department of Transportation and later General Counsel of the Office of Management and Budget, he worked closely with attorneys throughout DOJ on a variety of cases (both offensive and defensive), as well as with DOJ leadership on policy, budgeting, and management issues. In these positions, Jeff’s approach has been to consult widely, keep an open mind in decision-making, and to treat everyone with respect.

Jeff also spent nearly thirty years in private practice at one of the nation’s leading law firms, where he served on the worldwide management committee. There he litigated a variety of high-profile cases, including significant cases against the government, handled by Justice Department attorneys. Jeff’s extensive knowledge of the Justice Department, coupled with his extensive management experience, make him extremely well-suited to serve as Deputy Attorney General and help oversee DOJ’s important work.

Jeff is an exceptionally talented lawyer, effective leader, and true patriot. During more than 36 years of practicing law, Jeff has earned a well-deserved reputation for judgment, integrity, and a commitment to the rule of law without regard to favor or politics. We are confident that he will bring these qualities to his service as Deputy Attorney General. Jeff’s combination of intellect, independence, and principle will be of great service to our country. We strongly urge his swift confirmation.
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