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The Honorable Lindsey Graham  The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Chairman, Judiciary Committee  Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate  United States Senate
290 Russell Senate Office Building  224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We the undersigned – who have served in the Federal Government in a broad range of positions – write in support of the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen to be the Deputy Attorney General of the United States. We are grateful that a person of such accomplishment and integrity is willing to serve our country.

Each one of us have held positions in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government during the George W. Bush Administration. Given Jeff’s critical roles at OMB and elsewhere, he has touched almost every corner of the Federal government.

We have all either worked with Jeff or are familiar with his work. Collectively, we served in a wide range of roles within the Executive Branch, including the White House and Federal Departments and Agencies. Based on our experiences and our knowledge of Jeff’s service in government, his unusually broad and intimate familiarity with the entire Federal Government and his management experience in both the Federal government and 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 Department, with many critical agencies. As General Counsel of the Office of Management and Budget, he worked closely with leadership and operating staff of almost every department and agency on countless matters fundamental to the operations of those entities. In these positions, Jeff has always been one to consult broadly, gather all the data possible and to give straightforward advice. We believe that his experience working broadly across the Executive Branch will be a true asset as Deputy Attorney General given the Justice Department’s wide-ranging responsibilities.

Not only are Jeff’s qualifications as a lawyer impeccable, but he has extensive management experience, a less common trait among practicing lawyers. A magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, 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. His work at the Office of Management and Budget and as Deputy Secretary further deepened his management experience. His perspective will be not only theoretical but informed by real-
world operational experience. This operational perspective coupled with his decades of experience and clear commitment to public service – as well as his broad exposure to the Federal government at large – make him extremely well qualified to serve as Deputy Attorney General.

Jeff has a demonstrated commitment to serving his country and his community and in 36 years of practice, he has served at the highest echelons of the legal profession globally. He has a well-earned reputation for the faithful application of law and fundamental integrity. We are confident that he will bring these qualities to his service as Deputy Attorney General.

We therefore strongly urge his swift confirmation.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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