

February 22, 2017

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am writing to support the confirmation of Rod J. Rosenstein to become the next United States Deputy Attorney General. Having held that position myself under President George H.W. Bush, I know what the job requires. I know Rod personally, and he has those qualities and will make a superb Deputy.

Rod Rosenstein has served in the Department of Justice for 27 years – starting as an “honors” attorney, spending many years as a career public servant at Main Justice in multiple leadership assignments, and most recently serving as United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for 12 years in both Republican and Democratic Administrations. Rod has been a leader on the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys and is intimately familiar with the current law enforcement challenges facing the Department. In addition to his experience, Rod has a powerful intellect reflected in his sterling professional and academic record. I also know him to have the sound judgment and calm professional demeanor that are called for in these difficult times.

In short, Rod’s experience, demonstrated leadership, and professionalism make him the ideal candidate for Deputy Attorney General. If confirmed, I am sure he will continue – as he always has – to steadfastly serve the interests of justice. I wholeheartedly endorse him.

Respectfully,


William P. Barr