

February 23, 2017

Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

Dear Ranking Member Feinstein,

I have become aware that Rod Rosenstein has been nominated to serve as Deputy Attorney General, and am happy to write in support of his nomination.

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If there is any further information you need, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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