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The Honorable Charles Grassley
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Re: Rod Rosenstein/nominee for Deputy Attorney General

Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Feinstein:

Please accept this letter in support of the President's nominee for Deputy Attorney General, Rod Rosenstein.

By way of background, I have known Mr. Rosenstein for many years. Most recently, we had occasion to work together when I was the elected State's Attorney for Baltimore City from 2011-2014. I am sure you will be receiving a number of letters describing Mr. Rosenstein's intelligence, legal acumen, management skills and leadership qualities, but I would like to focus here on my interaction with him during this four-year period.

Simply stated, Rod was a terrific partner. Even a cursory review of his body of work as the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland makes readily apparent that Rod was committed to reducing the level of violent crime in Baltimore. His commitment and effort trickled down to other law enforcement agencies as well, including the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. In Rod, we saw a person who was not interested in personal credit or accolade, but instead, one who created an atmosphere of collaboration that had not been seen in Baltimore for some time. It was much more important to him that everyone was working as hard as they could to fight crime in the City and the rest of the State of Maryland.

As a result of his tireless efforts, Rod helped to reduce the homicide rate in Baltimore to historically low levels not seen in decades. He also was responsible for supervising a United States Attorney's Office that was able to dismantle many of the gangs in Baltimore that were responsible for much of the illegal drug trade and violence that has plagued the City. He has

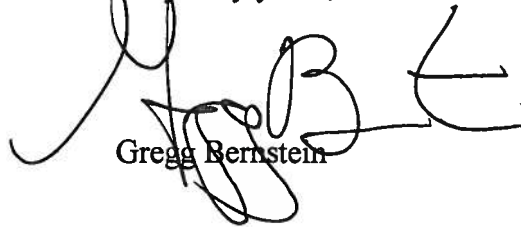


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earned the universal respect and admiration of not only his colleagues in the United States Attorney's Office, but other law enforcement agencies, and a debt of gratitude from the public that has greatly appreciated his work to make Baltimore a safer place to live and work.

During my tenure as the Baltimore City State's Attorney, I was able to observe first-hand Mr. Rosenstein's skills and his ability to bring everyone together working toward a common goal. I have little doubt that Mr. Rosenstein will be able to bring these same considerable skills in strategic thinking, effort and collaboration to the position of Deputy Attorney General. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information regarding Mr. Rosenstein.

Very truly yours,



Gregg Bernstein