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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Deputy Attorney General Nominee Rod J. Rosenstein

Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Feinstein:

It is my honor to write to you and your Senate colleagues to support and urge the swift confirmation of the Honorable Rod Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

Having had the privilege to serve for fifteen years in the Department of Justice, including as a United States Attorney, as Deputy Attorney General, and as Acting Attorney General, I do not lightly endorse the confirmation of candidates for its highest offices. However, supporting Mr. Rosenstein's confirmation is an easy decision because he has the combination of personal character and professional experience that renders him most well qualified and suited to the position to which the President has appointed him, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

I have known Mr. Rosenstein for a decade and a half. He has to my knowledge and experience in that time clearly demonstrated that he is a person of great character and integrity. Moreover, he has established a professional record of great accomplishment. But perhaps most important of all to my measure, he has shown that he has both excellent judgment and the courage to maintain the conviction of his best judgment, even when it may be challenging to do so. From my own experience as a steward of the office of Deputy Attorney General, I believe strongly that good

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judgment and commitment to do what is right as one judges it are essential to maintaining the high traditions of justice that mark success in the work of the Department. I am confident in concluding that Rod can do just that.

Therefore, I thank you for the opportunity to offer my unqualified support for his confirmation and I hope he might be swiftly confirmed so that the Attorney General and the good men and women who are the career ranks of the Department can have the benefits of Mr. Rosenstein's leadership as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George J. Terwilliger III". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a prominent initial "G" and "T".

George J. Terwilliger III