

January 23, 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
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

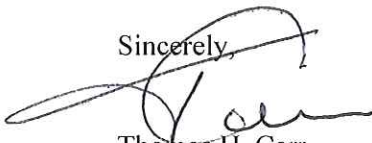
It is a distinct pleasure and honor to write to you in support of the nomination for Rod J. Rosenstein to become the Deputy Attorney General for the United States.

As you know, Mr. Rosenstein is the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, a position he has held since 2005. In addition to his responsibilities as the United States Attorney, Mr. Rosenstein serves as a member of the Executive Board for the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (W/B HIDTA) Program. As an Executive Board member, Mr. Rosenstein plays an active role in maintaining harmony and ensuring coordination and cooperation among the 100 Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies working under the auspices of the W/B HIDTA. His pragmatism and sound logic proved to be invaluable to the Executive Board over the past 12 years.

Of the many issues that Mr. Rosenstein helped the Executive Board to resolve, one stands out as a particularly innovative remedy. Mr. Rosenstein identified a problem with the timeliness of the preparation and review of search warrants applications stemming from the interdiction of suspicious packages shipped through the U.S. Postal Service. He worked with the Federal magistrates and the U.S. Postal Inspections Service to decrease the time needed to review search warrant applications. His solution – instead of one warrant application for each package, bundle up to 10 packages per application. Since the statement of probable cause was identical for each package, this solution was both logical and legal. As a result, his remedy saved valuable time and allowed follow-up investigation to take place expeditiously. This allowed many more traffickers taking advantage of the mail to be identified and arrested.

Mr. Rosenstein's illustrious career as Trial Attorney with the Public Integrity Section of the U.S. Justice Department; Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General; Special Assistant to the Criminal Division Assistant Attorney General; Associate Independent Counsel; Assistant U.S. Attorney; and Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice have prepared him to serve as the Deputy Attorney General for the United States. Therefore, I encourage you to vote favorably on his nomination. He will do a great job for all of us.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Carr
Executive Director