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Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Feinstein:

As former Assistant United States Attorneys for the District of Maryland, we are pleased to support the nomination of United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

For nearly a dozen years, Mr. Rosenstein has led the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland during one of the most successful periods in that Office's distinguished history. He has brought vision, determination, and strategic thinking to the Office's efforts to reduce violent crime throughout the state of Maryland, including leading the groundbreaking Maryland Exile program, which contributed to sustained and historic reductions in shootings and murders in Baltimore over a six-year period. In addition, under Mr. Rosenstein's leadership, the Office relentlessly, and without regard to political affiliation, fought public corruption with just one goal: to ensure that those who serve Maryland's citizens do so with honesty and integrity. Mr. Rosenstein has pursued corrupt police officers and prison guards with the same determination as he has pursued gangs and violent criminals. And he has been one of the Department's leaders in protecting our national security, establishing a National Security Unit and vigorously pursuing national security-related leaks and other investigations and prosecutions.

One reason for Mr. Rosenstein's success is his ability to build bridges among federal law enforcement agencies and with state and local partners. He understands the importance of partnerships at all levels of law enforcement, and he establishes and maintains those relationships with humility and a relentless determination to deflect credit to others. That approach has served him well as U.S. Attorney, and it will be just as important to his work as Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Rosenstein exemplifies the federal prosecutor's calling to pursue justice without fear or favor. In every decision he has made as U.S. Attorney, he has been guided by only one consideration: what is the right thing to do? Sometimes that has meant bringing charges, while on other occasions it has meant declining to do so, because Mr. Rosenstein knows well that the mission of the Department of Justice is not to bring cases, but rather to do justice.

Perhaps the greatest compliment we can pay to Mr. Rosenstein is that he is like a career prosecutor in a political position. That is, though he has recently been a political appointee across different Administrations, he does his job the same way today as he did as a career Assistant U.S. Attorney or in the other career positions he has held in more than two decades of

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decorated service at the Department of Justice. It is no surprise, then, that Mr. Rosenstein is respected in every corner of the criminal justice system – from his fellow prosecutors to police officers and agents to Judges to defense lawyers.

Mr. Rosenstein’s career as U.S. Attorney has been marked by steady, disciplined leadership, and unimpeachable integrity, and he will bring these same qualities to his role as Deputy Attorney General.

Our support for Mr. Rosenstein’s nomination is not about politics. Indeed, the signatories to this letter include Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. While we have some profound political differences, we are nevertheless united in our strong support of this most outstanding of nominees for this most critical of positions at the Department of Justice.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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