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Chairman Chuck Grassley
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Senator Feinstein,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Rod Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General. When I was in the Senate, I had three criteria when considering a nomination: competency, integrity and a commitment to the mission of the agency. Rod Rosenstein meets these criteria, and I wholeheartedly support him for this important position.

I have known Rod Rosenstein for twelve years, since he was nominated as U.S. Attorney for Maryland by President Bush. He has proved his competency in this position and was asked to say on during the Obama Administration. He is respected by the legal community and law enforcement. He focused the resources of his office on fighting human trafficking, the exploitation of children, identity fraud and health care fraud. He worked with me and with state and local officials to implement a coordinated strategy to combat gang violence and violent crime.

I also believe that Rod Rosenstein is a man of character. He has spent most of his career in public service. He worked to restore morale in the U.S. Attorney' office and is known as a strong executive who respects those who work for him. He cares about training the next generation – volunteering as a teacher at the University of Maryland Law School and the University of Baltimore School of Law, while and serving as a mentor to people of all levels in Maryland's legal community.

With his track record, I believe he will be committed to the mission of the Department of Justice. In these polarized times, now, more than ever we need a strong, experienced leader at the Department of Justice who is fair and committed to the equal application of our laws. I hope the Senate will confirm Rod Rosenstein for this important position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara A. Mikulski".

Barbara A. Mikulski
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