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Senator Charles Grassley  
Chair, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), and the more than 240,000 law enforcement officers we represent across the United States, I am writing to advise of your public support of the nomination of Maryland United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General.

NAPO is a coalition of police units and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America’s law enforcement officers. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers, and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

Mr. Rosenstein, appointed as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland in 2005 by President George W. Bush, is the longest serving U.S. Attorney in the country, which shows a true dedication to his job and country and an ability to work across the aisle. While U.S. Attorney, he has taken on and prosecuted violent gangs, including members of the Black Guerrilla Family gang for a massive contraband smuggling scheme at the Baltimore City Detention Center.

Further, Mr. Rosenstein’s extensive career within the Department of Justice before being appointed as Maryland U.S. Attorney, including being counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, will bring institutional knowledge and experience that is essential to the position of the Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Rosenstein is known for bringing together law enforcement from all levels of government to fight crime and is well respected by the law enforcement community. NAPO believes he will serve our nation well as Deputy Attorney General. Therefore, we urge the Committee to support the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein. Please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775 if there is anything I or our organization can do in further support of Mr. Rosenstein for this position.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq., CAE  
Executive Director

Cc: Members, Judiciary Committee, United States Senate