

February 23, 2017

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Rod J. Rosenstein

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I write to add my endorsement and support to the nomination of Rod Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

I have known Mr. Rosenstein since my tenure as Solicitor General of the United States from 2001 to 2004. At that time, he was a respected member of the Justice Department's Tax Division. He subsequently became United States Attorney in Baltimore, a position he has held with distinction for many years.

Mr. Rosenstein is an outstanding lawyer, public servant, leader and manager. I observed his decision-making over the years and found him to have a keen mind, a thoughtful and careful style, and a willingness to listen patiently and respectfully to all sides of an issue and, invariably, to reach wise and sound decisions—reflecting his powerful intellect, but also his judicious and fair manner.

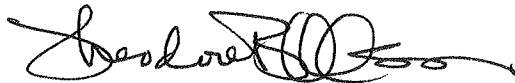
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Mr. Rosenstein has always been well-liked and admired by his peers and by the career lawyers who have worked with and for him. I am confident he will be precisely the kind of Deputy Attorney General the Justice Department needs.

Mr. Rosenstein possesses a thorough knowledge of the Department of Justice and its components. He will be a valuable partner for Attorney General Sessions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore B. Olson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Theodore B. Olson

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