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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Chairman  
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United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Rod J. Rosenstein**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I write to support the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein as Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

Rod was originally appointed by President George W. Bush as United States Attorney for the District of Maryland in 2005. He was retained by President Barack Obama and is currently the longest serving United States Attorney in the country.

Rod has been an outstanding partner with every local prosecutor in the State of Maryland. Whether it is partnering with prosecutors in the City of Baltimore to stem gun violence, to the prosecution of prison gang corruption both in the city and in rural counties, to the assistance he gave my county when an unusual judicial decision would have allowed a violent murderer to go free, Rod has always been there for law enforcement.

When prosecutors in this State ask Rod for assistance he does not care if you are a "D" or an "R", he has only cared about making this State a safer place.

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Rod makes decisions based upon the law, the evidence, logic and reason, never allowing emotion or passion to move him from his core mission.

It is the unprecedented partnerships that Rod has established between State and Federal prosecutors that makes him a great leader and visionary.

The Maryland State's Attorneys Association is made up of the elected prosecutors from all 24 jurisdictions in the State of Maryland. I have been authorized by unanimous vote by all of those prosecutors to support the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

Sincerely,



Scott D. Shellenberger  
President

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