

March 3, 2017

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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Rod Rosenstein, Nominee for Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department
of Justice

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are friends and former Justice Department colleagues of Rod Rosenstein and we write in strong bipartisan support of his nomination to be the next Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice. All of us served as Assistant Attorney Generals of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, some in addition to having held other senior positions within the Justice Department, and have worked or are familiar with Mr. Rosenstein personally.

Mr. Rosenstein has had a long and very distinguished career with the Department of Justice as an experienced prosecutor and manager. He has served as a trial attorney in the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, a Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, an Assistant Independent Counsel, an Assistant U.S. Attorney, a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Tax Division and as United States Attorney. He clearly has a depth and breadth of experience with criminal justice issues as well as those of national security issues and law enforcement issues that will serve him well as Deputy Attorney General. In addition, throughout his career, he has worked well with state and federal law enforcement agencies on significant justice issues facing our nation.

Mr. Rosenstein has held several management positions and has the necessary management skills to serve in this capacity. As United States Attorney in Maryland, he managed the Office and oversaw federal and civil litigation and implemented law enforcement strategies in Maryland. He is thoughtful and pursues a principled approach to specific matters and policy issues. He is known throughout for his professionalism, legal acumen, ethics, and fairness.

We believe Mr. Rosenstein possesses the characteristics to be a strong and effective leader of the Department of Justice. We thank the Committee for allowing us to present this information about him and believe that our country would be well-served to see him confirmed.

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