

February 24, 2017

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

The signers of this letter are all of the former Senate-confirmed Assistant Attorneys General for National Security who have served in that post since the establishment of the National Security Division in 2006. We submit this letter in strong support of Rod Rosenstein's nomination as Deputy Attorney General.

Among the five of us, we have a combined 82 years' experience in the Justice Department as federal prosecutors, Main Justice and FBI officials, and Assistant Attorneys General; and for many of those years, we worked closely with Rod. We believe that Rod is an ideal choice to serve as Deputy Attorney General.

Rod has a wealth of experience with the Department, having served as a line prosecutor in the Public Integrity Section and the Maryland United States Attorney's Office, as Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division, and as United States Attorney in Maryland for the past twelve years. Having seen the Department from so many perspectives, he is well positioned to serve as the Department's "Chief Operating Officer" and handle the myriad issues that confront the Deputy Attorney General on a daily basis.

During the course of his distinguished career, Rod has earned a reputation as an apolitical public servant who impartially pursues the cause of justice without regard to politics or any other influence. In our experience, Rod's focus has always been on what is best for the case, for public safety and for the Department. That approach has earned him the trust and confidence of people across the political spectrum, and it is the reason he has been one of the longest-serving and most influential United States Attorneys across both Republican and Democratic Administrations.

Rod is also a tremendously talented lawyer and a wonderful colleague. He is known for his strong legal skills and seasoned good judgment, and for being a team player who is always the first to step forward and take on the most challenging assignments. Over his 26 years of devoted service, Rod has shown himself to be a consummate public servant who truly embodies the highest ideals of the Department of Justice.

Thank you for considering our thoughts. Please feel free to contact any of us if you would like further information about Rod and his qualifications for service as Deputy Attorney General. We are all proud to speak on Rod's behalf, and we strongly urge his speedy confirmation.

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