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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Lisa O. Monaco as Deputy Attorney General of the United States

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in support of Lisa O. Monaco's nomination to serve as Deputy Attorney General of the United States. Ms. Monaco's experience, judgment, and commitment to the rule of law make her ideally suited to serve in that position.

I first crossed paths with Ms. Monaco when I was U.S. Attorney in San Francisco. I came to know her quite well some years later while serving as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and she was my counsel. She quickly became an indispensable member of my team, and I asked her to serve as my chief of staff. To my good fortune, she agreed. She was one of my closest advisors, and I turned to her for insight and advice in handling virtually every issue before me as Director. She played a vital role in transforming the FBI to a national security organization in the years after the 9/11 attacks, a process that was important to the FBI and to the nation's security.

Ms. Monaco has gone on to serve with distinction in several senior government roles. I am not at all surprised by her success. She is an effective leader who exemplifies the critical qualities of teamwork and discipline, and she inspires confidence in her peers as well as those she leads.

I expect that Ms. Monaco would be an outstanding Deputy Attorney General and she has my unqualified support for her confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Mueller, III