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

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Richard DiZinno

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write to express my support for the nomination of Richard DiZinno to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB).

I have spent 32 years as a career attorney and prosecutor in the Department of Justice, beginning my career in the Civil Rights Division and spending the past 13 years as the Chief of the National Security Section in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. I believe Mr. DiZinno has the knowledge, ability, and integrity necessary to ensure that the federal government's efforts to prevent terrorism are balanced with the need to protect privacy and civil liberties.

I supervised Mr. DiZinno in 2016 and 2017, during his tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney in the National Security Section. During his time in the Section, I assigned Mr. DiZinno to work on matters involving a broad array of national security issues, including the violation of Treasury sanctions by large financial institutions, the illegal exports of U.S.-origin goods, and international human smuggling operations. Mr. DiZinno consistently demonstrated his ability to handle highly complex and sensitive matters and to understand and apply various statutory and regulatory authorities in the national security area, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and various related Executive Orders.

Because of his ability to work collaboratively with diverse teams of attorneys and investigators and because of his excellent judgment, Mr. DiZinno quickly became a “go-to” prosecutor for large and important national security investigations in our Section. Most importantly, as a prosecutor, Mr. DiZinno effectively developed relationships with a wide variety of people – from law enforcement agents, to victims of crime, to cooperators, to courtroom personnel. It is this type of real-world experience that will inform Mr. DiZinno’s judgment when he is balancing national security equities against the enduring need to protect personal privacy and civil liberties.

I have no doubt that Mr. DiZinno has all of the personal character traits, professional experience, and core values to be a tremendous asset to the PCLOB. Please let me know if I can provide any further information for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gregg A. Maisel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "M".

Gregg A. Maisel  
Chief, National Security Section