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The Honorable Charles R. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

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

Re: Nomination of Richard E. DiZinno as a member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board

Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Durbin, and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write in support of Rich DiZinno's nomination to be a member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB).

I served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Senate Judiciary Committee during the 116th Congress under Chairman Graham. Because Rich had begun working on the Committee for then-Chairman Grassley during the 115th Congress, I had previously worked with Rich as a down-dais staffer. As soon as I was able, I worked to ensure that Rich stayed with the Committee as its Chief Counsel for National Security and Crime through the change in chairmanship.

Rich is a well-known expert on the law enforcement and intelligence tools available to the government during its terrorism investigations. He is an experienced national security prosecutor who understands not just law enforcement needs, but also the need to ensure law enforcement responsibly uses the awesome tools they are provided. Rich never shied away from giving me his best advice on the policy, regardless of the political implications. He reviewed in detail the many classified oversight reports the Committee receives and reported relevant information. He shepherded the Committee's consideration of views from diverse stakeholders in a high stakes field. He was tireless.

Rich is also a pleasure to work with. And, it doesn't matter if you are a Republican, Democrat, civil liberties advocate, or terrorism prosecutor. Rich will treat you respectfully, consider your thoughts, and provide you a reasoned response. A true sign of his character, Rich provided

opportunities to and mentored younger staff when it might have been easier to do it himself. I received nothing but rave reviews of Rich across the aisle, at the Department of Justice, from outside organizations, and from his colleagues on the Chairman's staff.

In summary, I enthusiastically support Rich's nomination to be a member of the PCLOB. Because I have seen him do it before, I know he would again serve his country exceptionally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Holmes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Lee Holmes
Former Chief Counsel and Staff Director, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary