

February 17, 2017

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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

Re: Rod J. Rosenstein

Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am pleased to recommend Rod Rosenstein for appointment as Deputy Attorney General. I have known Rod for nearly 20 years, both as a friend and as a colleague, and consider him to be among the finest attorneys with whom I have had the pleasure to work. I offer my unqualified and enthusiastic support of Mr. Rosenstein and believe he will fill the role of Deputy Attorney General with distinction.

I first met Rod when he worked at the Department of Justice Tax Division. After I became the State's Attorney for Montgomery County and Rod was later sworn in as the United States Attorney for Maryland, we worked together on many cross-jurisdictional issues, including Rod's willingness to become the first United States Attorney in Maryland to properly use the RICO statute to significantly curtail gang activity in Maryland. Later, during the eight years I served as the Maryland Attorney General, I was able to continue to work with Rod on many matters of common concern. I have always found him to be totally by-the-book and completely apolitical. Rod understands the importance of staying out of the political limelight. The fact that I am a Democrat who served in elected office for 16 years and that Rod was appointed by a Republican President never was mentioned. He makes decisions for the right reasons and articulates those reasons with aplomb. His independent voice and commitment to justice are strong attributes that have contributed to his successful tenure as one of the longest-serving Maryland United States Attorneys in history.

Rod is not only a formidable prosecutor, but an outstanding manager. He is smart and well-liked with a management style that encourages the best work from the lawyers who serve under him. The breadth and depth of his legal achievements provide him with the valuable and essential experience necessary for the role of Deputy Attorney General. Rod is and always has been extremely ethical and conscientious; qualities which have earned him the respect of his peers and colleagues.

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Overall, Rod Rosenstein is a person of the highest integrity, who possesses all the attributes one would hope to find in a Deputy Attorney General. I have the utmost faith and confidence that he will distinguish himself in the position and I recommend him to you without hesitation or qualification.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas F. Gansler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas F. Gansler