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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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After the District Attorney's Office, I worked in a civil practice for 12 years before I was appointed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg to serve as a Judge in the Criminal Court of Kings County (Brooklyn, New York). I was twice appointed by the Mayor (2009, 2010) before returning to a law practice with my family.

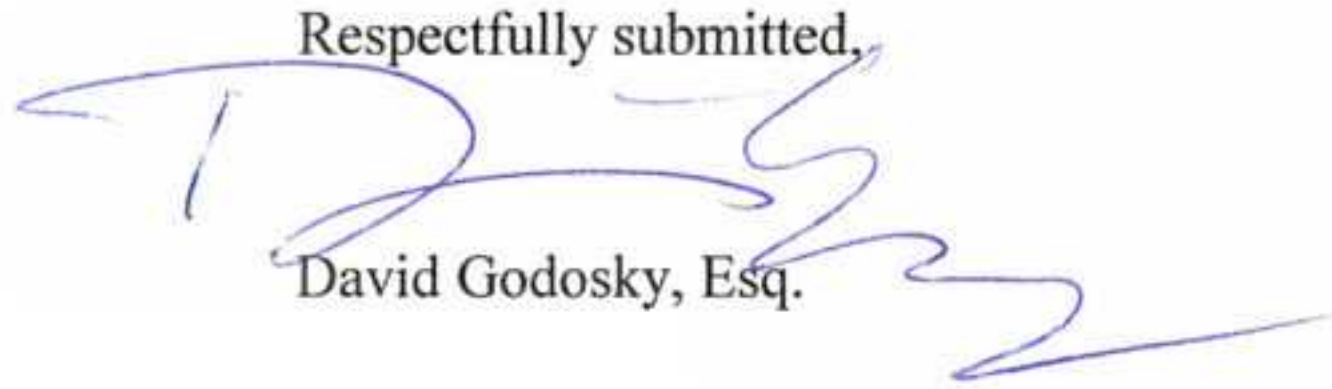
My experience as both a prosecutor and a judge makes me keenly aware of the necessary qualities in an individual to whom the power and responsibility over a division of the Department of Justice may be given. There is no question Debo possesses such qualities. He is scrupulously honest, has the highest integrity and is a fierce defender of the rule of law. Debo's life is not about seeking out the positions that are popular but, rather, seeking out and defending the positions that are just - under our laws and our Constitution.

The position Debo held at the Legal Defense Fund undoubtedly required him to pursue cases that would, by their very nature, antagonize persons and parties opposed to his clients. Such is the nature of advocacy. But defending the core principles of the United States Constitution sometimes requires a strong stomach as well as a thick skin. It requires someone who understands that these principles that we so cherish exist for the adulated as well as the despised. Debo has always understood that if these so-called "core values" are available only for some, then, in reality, they exist for none.

Quite simply, Debo is the person I would want as the prosecutor of a case if I was the victim or if I was the perpetrator. He will secure the rights of the victimized and defend the rights of the accused. He is the person I would most readily trust to make the right decisions in matters of life and death.

We, as a People, can certainly trust him to be an outstanding, honest and effective Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Department of Justice. We would be fortunate to have him in that position.

Respectfully submitted,



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