

October 11, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schumer,

As alumni of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York from across the political spectrum, we cherish our time in that office and strongly desire that it remain one of the jewels of the Department of Justice. To assure the continuation of the office's tradition of excellence, we write to urge you to call for and support the nomination of Richard Donoghue for appointment as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. Those of us who know Rich's work firsthand can attest that no one is more qualified for this important position.

Rich's record as an Assistant United States Attorney was among the most impressive in the history of that storied office. From battling MS-13 to leading the office as the Criminal Chief, Rich set the standard for all of us. In doing so, Rich earned the deep respect of the district's bench as well as the unwavering support of the broader law enforcement community. Rich's exceptional service to the district has been recognized by his receipt of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a New York federal prosecutor: the Henry L. Stimson Medal, awarded by the New York City Bar Association, and the Charles E. Rose Award, conferred by the Eastern District Association.

Rich indisputably possesses the experience and judgment to lead an office charged with some of the most important and sensitive work handled by the Department of Justice. From terrorism to complex white-collar investigations, Rich's strong leadership, legal skills, attention to detail and innate sense of fairness would allow him to make the critical independent, nonpartisan decisions required by this post.

Thank you for your consideration. The signatories to this letter are all distinguished alumni of the office, many of whom have held leadership positions both in the office and throughout the Department of Justice. Candidly, we know better than most what it takes to do this critically important job well. As such, if it would be helpful, any of us would be happy to speak with you at your convenience about Rich's character and qualifications.

Sincerely,

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