

September 25, 2018

The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein
Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein:

We are writing to thank you for your heroic efforts on behalf of the nation and to express our hope that you will continue your service as Deputy Attorney General and not resign.

You have done an enormous amount for the country in appointing Special Counsel Robert Mueller to conduct the Russia investigation, in protecting that investigation from outside interference, and in otherwise standing up for the finest traditions of the Department of Justice.

You have defended the Constitution and the rule of law in accomplishing all of this in the face of unwarranted and relentless attacks from various places.

The stakes for the country are paramount in continuing to ensure that the Mueller and related investigations are allowed to continue uninterrupted to their conclusion without any outside interference. If you leave, the American people have no guarantees that those investigations will remain independent and free from intervention or restrictions in the future.

The American people are entitled to know the results of the Mueller investigation and the handling of any report from Special Counsel Mueller is currently to be determined by you.

It is essential for the good of the country that you stay at your post and continue to protect the Mueller and related investigations from any outside interference.

We strongly urge you not to resign, and should your resignation be demanded, to decline. Those who were fired in the Saturday Night Massacre were celebrated at the time as heroes, a judgment vindicated by history.

Thank you,

Democracy 21
Ambassador Norman Eisen (Ret.), Chief White House ethics lawyer, 2009-2011
Action Group Network
American Oversight
Arne H. Carlson, former Republican Governor of Minnesota
Christie Whitman, former Republican Governor of New Jersey
Claudine Schneider, former Republican Congresswoman from Rhode Island; Founding Member,
Republicans for Integrity

Coalition to Preserve, Protect and Defend
 Common Cause
 CREW
 Dave Durenberger, former Republican Senator from Minnesota
 Dave Emery, former Republican Congressman from Maine
 Defending Democracy
 Emil Frankel, former official, President George W. Bush Administration
 Equal Justice Society
 Jim Leach, former Republican Congressman from Iowa
 John LeBoutillier, former Republican Congressman from New York
 Justin Hendrix, March for Truth
 Kathleen Clark
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 Law Works
 Lawyers for Good Government
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 Mickey Edwards, former Chairman, American Conservative Union; former Chairman, House
 Republican Policy Committee
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 People For the American Way
 Peter Smith, former Republican Congressman from Vermont
 Protect Democracy
 Protect the Investigation
 Public Citizen
 Revolving Door Project
 Republican Women for Progress
 Richard Painter, Chief White House ethics lawyer, 2005-2007
 Sarah Chayes
 Stand Up America
 Stand Up Republic
 Tom Petri, former Republican Congressman from Wisconsin
 Truman Center for National Policy and Truman National Security Project
 William Kristol, a Founding Director of Republicans for the Rule of Law

The list of signers has been revised since the letter was sent to include three additional signers: Republican Congressmen Dave Emery and Jim Leach, and Stand Up Republic (instead of Evan McMullin, Stand Up Republic).