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I am thrilled to have our outstanding Deputy Attorney General, Rod Rosenstein, on board and hard at work helping lead our Department. Rod, the 37<sup>th</sup> Deputy Attorney General, has devoted most of his career to public service. Before becoming Deputy Attorney General, he was the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for 12 years, where he served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and continued to personally litigate cases in the U.S. District Court and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. And prior to his service as the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, Rod was an Assistant United States Attorney and also served in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. He is a graduate of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School, and he is a true professional who has earned great respect wherever he has served.

I am excited about the many initiatives the Department already has undertaken, and there are many more to come. To carry out the President's commitment to combat violent crime and restore public safety, we have established a Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety. It includes crime reduction experts from throughout the Department, and it is evaluating everything we are doing at the federal level. We have issued a memorandum to all federal prosecutors, making clear that prosecuting violent criminals is a high priority and directing them to work closely with their federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement partners to target the most violent offenders in each district. Rod already has been busy this past week meeting with many of our components and co-chairing an important meeting on strategies to take down MS-13.

Along with our partners at the Department of Homeland Security, we are also carrying out the President's promise to secure our borders and restore a lawful system of immigration. And we are working to make sure the brave men and women of law enforcement understand that our nation supports their noble work and has the back of all honest and honorable law enforcement officers.

In just the past few months, the Department has achieved significant victories across the spectrum of our law enforcement priorities. To name just a few:

- You brought to justice one of the men who took part in the 2010 murder of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry;
- You brought the first-ever case against a doctor for female genital mutilation;
- You dismantled a three-state, international heroin trafficking network, charging three brothers who had reentered the country after having been previously convicted of felony drug crimes and deported;
- You charged a man in Israel as part of an investigation spanning multiple continents for violent threats against Jewish communities across our country;
- You brought indictments against four defendants, including two officers of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB), for computer hacking, economic espionage, and other offenses in connection with a conspiracy to access Yahoo's network and steal the contents of at least 500 million email

accounts;

- You received a combined penalty of over a billion dollars—including the largest criminal fine ever in connection with an IEEPA prosecution—through a joint effort with the Department of Commerce and Department of Treasury in a settlement for allegations of U.S. sanctions violations.

This is just the beginning. In all that we do, the Department of Justice will be guided by a clear sense of purpose: We will maintain public safety; we will uphold the Constitution and enforce our nation's laws; we will seek the highest level of productivity and professionalism; and we will ensure equal justice for all Americans.

Rod is a leader, a manager, and has the experience and judgment to help our Department reach high levels of excellence. Please join me in formally welcoming Rod to our efforts. I hope many of you will get the chance to meet him during the days to come.

Thank you for all that you do as we continue this work together.

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