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Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
Room 1000
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Committee Members:

I write in support of the nomination of Peter Boynton to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for my home state of Connecticut. As someone who has served in the White House on the National Security Council staff with Peter Boynton and who has consistently sought him out for expert advice over the past decade to support my work for a number of blue-ribbon commissions including the 9/11 Commission, I place Peter at the very top of a very select group of well-seasoned and exceptional public servants who have dedicated themselves to defining, developing, and advancing the mission of homeland security.

Quite frankly, I know of no one in the state of Connecticut with his breath of experience to take on this critically important leadership role. Having served as the Coast Guard Captain of the Port for Long Island Sound and the Federal Security Director at Bradley International Airport, Peter has forged partnerships and has earned the respect and admiration of law enforcement, firefighters, emergency managers, and elected officials throughout Connecticut at both the local and state levels. In addition, having held an array of highly selective and special assignments within the Coast Guard, he is known to and deeply respected by officials across the federal government. When I recently set out to assemble a nonpartisan national forum of expert advisors to help guide the Obama Administration and Capitol Hill on the homeland security mission, Peter was at the top of the list of three state homeland security directors from across the United States that I reached out. Among his peers he is held in the highest regard for consistently providing innovative and pragmatic suggestions for tackling the often complex and occasionally contentious issues associated with homeland security and emergency management. He is also, to paraphrase the revolutionary hero John Paul Jones, a man "with the finest sense of honor."

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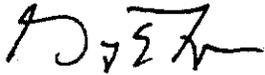
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In short you should confirm him without any reservation. He is an individual to whom you can quite literally entrust the safety of your families too—as I now do each day since my family too resides in this wonderful state!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. E. Flynn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen E. Flynn, Ph.D.
President
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(and proud resident of Old Lyme, Connecticut)