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ROBERT L. SIMMONS, II, STAFF DIRECTOR

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Reid,

We write to express our support and to urge a confirmation vote for Mr. Frank A. Rose, who was nominated to the position of Assistant Secretary of State for Verification and Compliance on July 18, 2013.

Mr. Rose has demonstrated exemplary leadership in his current position as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and he has contributed to the Administration's important goals and policies on missile defense, space, and arms control, while strengthening cooperation with our allies. He also brings experience from having served in the Department of Defense and on the staffs of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Select Committee on Intelligence. His experience and expertise make him an invaluable asset, particularly in engaging Congress effectively.

The gap in the position of Assistant Secretary has undermined the President's ability to implement and safeguard national security. Timely confirmation of Mr. Rose would also assist our Committee in its deliberations and in its understanding of Administration's policy and processes, as the Committee has held numerous hearings and classified briefings focused on concerns about Russian compliance with the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, and several provisions in the House-passed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 also address the crisis in Ukraine, implementation of the Open Skies Treaty, regional missile defense, and the need for a national verification plan. Mr. Rose's confirmation would enable the State Department to augment its contributions to these important national security issues.

His nomination has now been pending before the Senate for over a year. We urge you to expeditiously confirm Mr. Rose.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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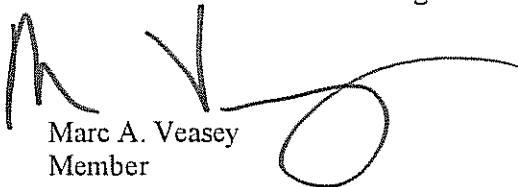
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