

The Honorable Richard Burr
Chairman,
U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Mark Warner
Vice Chairman,
U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

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Dear Chairman Burr and Vice Chairman Warner:

As national security leaders who have helped safeguard America against global threats and challenges over many decades, we write to express our strong support for the nomination of Gina Haspel to serve as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Ms. Haspel's qualifications to become CIA Director match or exceed those of most candidates put forward in the Agency's 70-year history. She has spent more than 30 years of her life quietly serving America and the CIA, routinely stepping up to handle some of the most demanding assignments around the globe. Ms. Haspel is a proven leader who inspires others and has what it takes to make tough calls in times of crisis. She is a true intelligence professional who brings care, integrity and a commitment to the rule of law to her work every day. She will speak truth to power, offering unbiased intelligence to policymakers no matter how difficult the situation.

Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Haspel has received numerous honors, including the Intelligence Medal of Merit, the George H.W. Bush Award for Excellence in Counterterrorism, the Donovan Award and a Presidential Rank Award, the highest award in the federal service.

Those who have served alongside Ms. Haspel have only the utmost praise and respect for her. She has broad support from the CIA workforce. Within the U.S. national security community and among our allies around the globe, admiration for her is unsurpassed. It is truly telling that a broad spectrum of national security leaders from both Republican and Democratic administrations has voiced unequivocal support for her nomination.

Given the nature of CIA's mission, most of her achievements cannot be shared publicly. But we can tell you she has made vital contributions to the strength and security of our country and has dedicated her life to serving her fellow Americans. In considering her nomination, the Senate, and through them the public, will gain a deeper understanding of the many attributes that Ms. Haspel would bring to the job of CIA Director. Any fair examination of those qualities will reveal that she would be an outstanding choice for that position.

The threats to America today are grave and numerous, but the U.S. Senate can help protect our country by swiftly confirming Gina Haspel. She has the integrity, experience and determination it takes to safeguard our nation and lead the men and women of the CIA.

Sincerely,

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Former Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Collection

Frank Archibald,
Former Director, CIA National Clandestine Service

Matthew Barzun,
Former US Ambassador to the United Kingdom and to Sweden

Jeremy Bash,
Former Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Defense and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency

John Bennett,
Former Director, CIA National Clandestine Service

Ambassador Cofer Black,
Former Director, CIA Counterterrorist Center and State Department Coordinator for Counterterrorism

John O. Brennan,
Former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency

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Former Executive Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Vice Admiral Albert M. Calland III, USN, Ret.,
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David Cohen,
Former Deputy Commissioner New York Police Department (Intelligence) and former CIA Deputy Director for Intelligence and Deputy Director for Operations

David S. Cohen,

Former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and former Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence

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Former Director of Central Intelligence and Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Pete Wilson
Former U.S. Senator, former member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and former member of the Defense Policy Board (advisory to the Secretary of Defense)

Douglas H. Wise,
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