

August 3, 2020

Dear Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee:

We are foreign policy professionals, many of whom have served the U.S. government in various capacities over the past few decades. Some of us are Democrats; some Republicans; and others have no partisan affiliation. We write to you today to support the nomination of Kenneth Weinstein to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

The U.S.-Japan relationship is not just the cornerstone of peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific but has become critical to America's global strategic posture. During the past twelve months, we have seen China's increasing crackdown in Hong Kong, growing assertiveness in the East and South China Seas, the global COVID-19 pandemic, as well as an ever more unstable North Korea with its nuclear capacity.

All of us know Ken Weinstein, are familiar with his foreign policy expertise, and believe he has the experience and temperament to be a superb ambassador to Japan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter Mondale
Vice President of the United States (1977-81)
U.S. Ambassador to Japan (1993-96)

Dan Quayle
Vice President of the United States (1989-93)

Daniel Coats
United States Senator (2011-17)
Director of National Intelligence (2017-19)

Joseph Lieberman
United States Senator (1989-2013)

Nikki Haley
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations
(2017-19)

John V. Roos
U.S. Ambassador to Japan (2009-13)

J. Thomas Schieffer
U.S. Ambassador to Australia (2001-05) and
Japan (2005-09)

Dennis Blair
Commander-in-Chief
U.S. Pacific Command (1999-2002)

Stephen Hadley
National Security Advisor to the President
(2005-09)

Jason Hyland
Charge d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy
Tokyo (2017)

H.R. McMaster
Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution
National Security Advisor to the President
(2017-18)

Kurt Campbell
Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific
Affairs (2009-13)

Robert M. Kimmitt
Deputy Secretary of the Treasury (2005-09)
U.S. Ambassador to Germany (1991-93)
Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs
(1989-91)

Karen Kornbluh
U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for
Economic Cooperation and Development
(2009-12)

Alfred H. Moses
Special Presidential Envoy (1999-2001)
U.S. Ambassador to Romania (1994-97)

Thomas C. Hubbard
U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines (1996-
2000) and to the Republic of Korea (2001-04)

James Burnley IV
U.S. Secretary of Transportation (1987-89)

Charles Rivkin
U.S. Ambassador to France (2009-13)
Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and
Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State
(2014-17)

Francis Fukuyama
Senior Fellow, Stanford University

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U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan (2011-12),
Iraq (2007-09), Pakistan (2004-07), Syria
(1999-2001), Kuwait (1994-97) and Lebanon
(1990-93)

Elbridge Colby
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for
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Director for Counterproliferation Strategy,
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Chairman, Seapower and Projection Forces
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Director for Asian Affairs, National Security
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Special Assistant to the President for National
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Lester Munson
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Committee (2013-15)

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Director (1997-2016)

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U.S. Ambassador to Equatorial Guinea (2010-
12)

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U.S. Ambassador to Senegal and Guinea-
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Director for Japan and Korea Affairs,
National Security Council (2004-07)

Randy Scheunemann
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Republican and Majority Leaders Bob Dole
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Diplomacy and Public Affairs (2014-16)

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Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and
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Former Ambassador to Vietnam (2011-14)

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(2013-17)

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U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia (2004-07)

Marc Ginsberg
U.S. Ambassador to Morocco (1994-98) and
Deputy Senior Adviser to the President for
Middle East Affairs (1978-81)

Nancy Lindborg
Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for
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Assistance, USAID (2010-14)