

Former CIA Officers Endorse Haspel

Gina Haspel is the first CIA career Clandestine Service officer to be nominated as Director since Richard Helms in the 1960s and William Colby in the 1970s. Ms. Haspel, currently the Acting Director of the CIA, has been endorsed by a host of former national security senior officials drawn from the ranks of the Intelligence Community, the Department of Defense, and the State Department. When someone rises through the bureaucracy, it is important to take their measure from those who have served closely with them—their peers.

The undersigned represent an array of former Agency officers who have served with Gina either in the foreign field or in CIA Headquarters. Some of us have known her for over 30 years since she was a first-tour operations officer. Others worked closely with her after she reached mid-level management ranks and then later as one of the most accomplished Senior Intelligence Service leaders the Agency has produced. In her, we saw the image of what we want a peer and leader to be: someone who offers professional respect, a person who commits to the highest standards of conduct and ethical behavior, and a bold but pragmatic decision-maker who places the interests of our nation above personal advancement or petty politics.

While Gina has spent most of her career on the operations side of the intelligence business, the officials who strongly support her nomination come from all disciplines, to include analysis, administration, and technology. Hers is a corporate, whole-of -Agency, whole-of-government approach designed to work productively within the national security community to keep our nation safe.

We urge swift Senate approval of her nomination to be the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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