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Committee on Judiciary
United States Senators
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Gordon P. Gallagher, Nomination number: PN2501-117

Honorable Senators,

Please consider this letter as my highest recommendation of the Honorable Gordon P. Gallagher for the position of District Court Judge, and my request that you confirm him at your earliest opportunity. I first met Gordon in 1997 when he began working with me at the District Attorney's Office for the 21st Judicial District, Mesa County, Colorado. Gordon immersed himself in trials from the outset and his talent and intelligence were immediately apparent. After only four years, Gordon went into private practice and quickly gained the reputation as one of the finest lawyers in the area.

Through the years, Gordon and I would get together and discuss case law, the Court, and explore our mutual interest in developing areas of law. He and I have co-authored an article in the Colorado Lawyer on exceeding presumptive range sentences in Colorado, which ran in the December, 2015 edition. Gordon's legal drafting abilities alone make him an excellent choice for the district court bench, which position requires thoughtful and careful drafting as a routine matter. Additionally, Gordon brings to the District Court bench a career that has included being a solo practice lawyer, who has spent time representing indigent defendants. This unique background would be a welcome addition to the current federal bench in Colorado.

While I have never appeared in front of Magistrate Judge Gallagher in federal court, as District Attorney, I am aware that our local, state and federal law enforcement officers who do appear in front of him believe him to be of the highest caliber. Gordon's remarkable reputation with law enforcement has always been especially impressive to me given his time as a criminal defense attorney, and the natural way in which law enforcement might otherwise be concerned about a defense bias. Through the years, Gordon has demonstrated an ability to work with all sides in a careful and impartial way.

There are a few other character traits about Gordon that are noteworthy. He is one of the hardest working lawyers I know. He prides himself on having clear and quality work, so

putting in extra hours or thought to assure that he presents the best final product is something that comes easy for him. Additionally, he is approachable, kind, and thoughtful. Many people who take on a judicial role become isolated, lose touch with what it is like to be a litigant or party to a case, or let their ego be affected by their role. This has not occurred with Gordon. He has remained the sort of person that you want to be around, or in front of, and he has also remained an engaged community member.

I could not be more convinced that Gordon Gallagher would make an excellent district court judge, and would request that you move him through the confirmation process without delay.

Respectfully,

/s/ Daniel P. Rubinstein

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