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Senator Patrick Leahy
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Jeffrey Helmick

Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley:

I write to support the confirmation of Jeff Helmick for appointment to the current judicial vacancy for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division. I have been a member of the Toledo Bar practicing for about 15 years. In addition, I also serve as the State Senator for the 2nd Senate District in northwest Ohio, which includes much of the Western Division of the Court. In the Ohio Senate, I chair the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee. Through my experience in the courts and in government, I have certainly learned of Jeff Helmick's outstanding reputation. He is someone who has stood for principles, litigated honestly, and ably defended our constitutional system of government.

These types of traits would make Mr. Helmick an outstanding federal judge. He is held in very high esteem by the local bar, and his support crosses partisan lines.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Mark Wagoner".

Mark Wagoner
Chairman of the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee

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cc: Senator Sherrod Brown
Senator Rob Portman
Senate Judiciary Committee