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June 8, 2011

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

It is with pleasure that the under-signed state attorneys general write to express our strong support for the nomination of former Kansas Attorney General Steve Six to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. We have come to know and respect Mr. Six as the top law enforcement official of Kansas and we firmly believe that he has the knowledge, experience and temperament to serve in this important position.

Mr. Six is particularly well qualified to become a member of the Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to becoming Kansas Attorney General, Mr. Six served as a state district court judge where he presided over complex civil cases and criminal trials involving major felonies. Managing a caseload of difficult domestic violence and child sexual assault matters, he earned a reputation for recognizing and respecting the role of the victims of crime in his courtroom.

As attorney general, Mr. Six consistently demonstrated his outstanding leadership abilities both within the state of Kansas and nationally. Appointed to the office after a resignation of the sitting attorney general, Mr. Six tackled the difficult challenge of reestablishing the standing of the office, by rebuilding the staff, enhancing morale, and ensuring professionalism. At the same time, he aggressively worked to protect Kansas consumers and seniors from financial scam by creating a first-rate consumer protection division. Taking on fraud in the state Medicaid program, Mr. Six significantly increased Medicaid fraud recoveries, returning to the state and federal government more money in three years than in all the previous years of the Kansas Medicaid Fraud Division combined.

Demonstrating an unrelenting commitment as attorney general to protect the people of Kansas, Mr. Six personally prosecuted two major murder cases. Shortly after taking office, he prosecuted a man charged with first-degree murder for the killing of a Kansas farmer in rural north central Kansas. He later prosecuted a capital murder case involving the brutal rape and murder of a young community college student, obtaining convictions before juries in both cases.

Concerned about dangers faced by children and young people on the Internet, Mr. Six developed Operation Child Shield in the Kansas Attorney General's Office. This program targeted individuals viewing and trading child pornography online. More importantly, it identified and stopped predators seeking to meet children offline for sex. Operation Child Shield successfully led to the arrest, prosecution and conviction of a substantial number of child predators, helping to make Kansas a safer place. Mr. Six also organized and co-hosted a summit on internet safety to share ideas and build cooperation among the Midwestern state attorneys general and major technology companies.

In addition to working with other states to protect consumers and fight online child pornography, former Attorney General Six assumed a leadership role among state and federal officials to combat mortgage fraud. To further these objectives, he actively served on the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) State-Federal Task Force on Mortgage Enforcement, the NAAG Consumer Protection Working Group and a federal-state initiative with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to crack down on online human trafficking. Mr. Six demonstrated an ability to work closely with his colleagues of both political parties by serving on the NAAG Executive Committee. He was selected by his peers to lead the NAAG Health and Public Safety Committee and serve as Chair of the Midwest Region of Attorneys General.

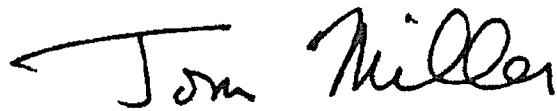
We note the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Judiciary recognized the abilities of Mr. Six with a rating of "Unanimously Well Qualified," and we strongly endorse this view. We have witnessed and benefitted from the skill, professionalism and judgment of Steve Six and we therefore urge the members of the Senate to confirm his nomination by President Obama to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary
All U.S. Senators

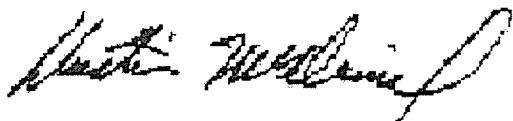
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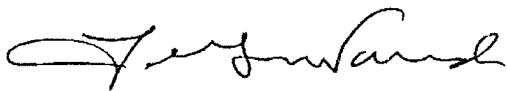
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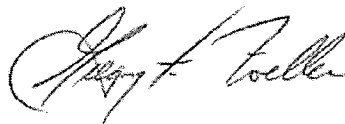
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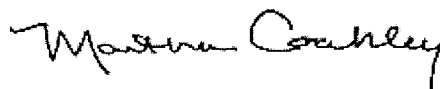
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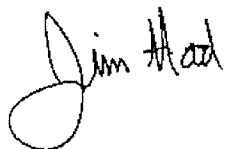
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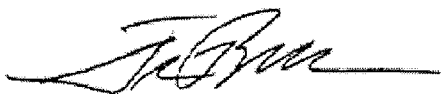
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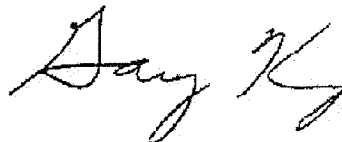
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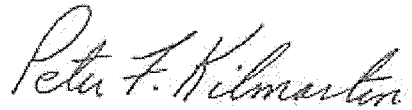
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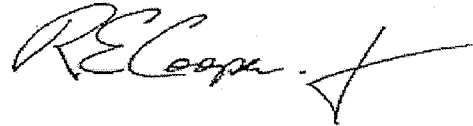
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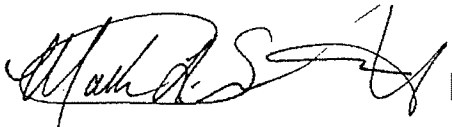
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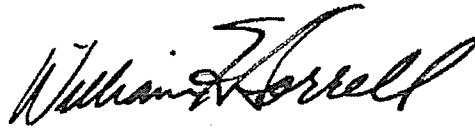
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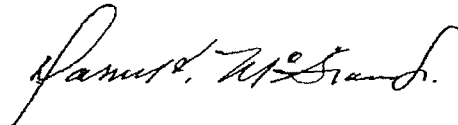
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