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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: *In Support of the Nomination of Jeffrey B. Clark*

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am writing on behalf of myself and current and former colleagues at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in support of the nomination of Jeffrey Clark to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division ("ENRD") in the Department of Justice.

All of us have worked with Jeff for many years in private practice and, to sum up our assessment of him, can emphatically say that he is one of the most capable lawyers with whom we have ever worked, deeply experienced, particularly in the areas of environmental, regulatory, administrative and appellate law and procedure, and a lawyer of the highest integrity. Jeff has the deep respect of his partners, associates, and the Firm's clients. Jeff will serve, if confirmed, consistent with the finest traditions of the Department of Justice, and he will work tirelessly on behalf of our Nation and our communities.

Jeff is a *cum laude* graduate of Harvard College, a *magna cum laude* graduate of the Georgetown University Law School, and also has an M.A. degree in Urban Affairs and Public Policy from the University of Delaware. He clerked for the Honorable Daniel Boggs of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 1995-1996. Upon conclusion of his clerkship, he joined the Kirkland firm in our D.C. office, until he returned to working for the government in the position of Deputy Assistant Attorney General in ENRD, from 2001 to 2005, where his responsibilities included supervising the Appellate and Indian Resources Sections, and where he also served in a management role in the Division. Jeff returned to the Kirkland firm in 2005, where he currently is a Partner in our D.C. office.

Jeff's experience in addressing and successfully resolving complex and knotty legal issues, as well as the public policy implications associated with those issues, is both wide and deep. Substantively, he is one of our Firm's experts in environmental, administrative, regulatory and appellate law and procedure. More broadly, he has substantial experience in other important areas of the law, which will serve the Department of Justice well, including antitrust, bankruptcy/restructuring, Constitutional law, and importantly, complex civil litigation, including the subtle and critical interface between civil litigation and criminal law. When we in Kirkland's litigation group are confronted with a challenging problem in the areas most relevant to your consideration, and one in which legal analysis and judgment of the highest order are required, Jeff is one of the lawyers upon whom we have relied.

On a personal note, I have been with the Kirkland Firm for 38 years, and served on its Management Committee for many years as a senior litigation partner. In that capacity, I had the pleasure of not only working with Jeff on complex matters of substance, but also of reviewing and evaluating his performance as a Kirkland partner. I can state emphatically that Jeff is one of the hardest-working, most diligent, most ethical, most intellectually capable lawyers with whom I have ever dealt; he also is unflappable, as well as a gracious and intellectually

honest advocate representing the best traditions of the legal profession. Jeff treats everyone with the utmost respect — including colleagues, adversaries, judges, and witnesses.

Although, like me, my colleagues joining this letter have worked with Jeff as partners and colleagues at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, each of us has come forward to support Jeff's confirmation in our personal capacity. Please know that some of us are Democrats, some Republicans, and some Independents; but we are united in our respect and support for Jeff. In his work with us, we have found Jeff's professionalism, grace, diligence, intellect and thoughtfulness to be hallmarks of who he is. We believe he will serve with distinction at the Department of Justice.

Respectfully submitted,

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