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

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

Re: Nomination of Joel M. Carson III to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

We are a bipartisan group of attorneys who have practiced in Roswell, New Mexico for a most of our careers. We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Magistrate Judge Joel M. Carson III to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. We have been associated with Judge Carson for approximately twenty years since he began his law practice. The qualities Judge Carson has employed in the practice of law give us great confidence that he will be an excellent addition to the Tenth Circuit.

We are all members of the American College of Trial Lawyers and are aware of Judge Carson's legal abilities. Several of us have worked with Judge Carson for his entire legal career. Throughout his career, Judge Carson has been intellectually honest and collegial with his peers. Because Judge Carson has maintained over the past twenty years the same attention to detail he had as a young lawyer, we are sure the Tenth Circuit will gain a judge who will work his hardest to ensure that his legal analysis is sound and even-handed.

We have no doubt that Judge Carson believes in the rule of law. No matter who is before him, Judge Carson will apply uniform standards while protecting that individual's fundamental rights. Judge Carson will not be beholden to any special interests or individuals. His integrity, fairness, and respect for the dignity of others are top notch.

Although we may not ultimately agree with every vote Judge Carson may cast on the Tenth Circuit, we know that Judge Carson will bring the highest judicial standards to the Court and that all litigants will be treated fairly. There is no question that Judge Carson is qualified to serve as a judge on the Tenth Circuit and will discharge his duties admirably.

Finally, we can vouch for Judge Carson's personal integrity and decency. Judge Carson has earned the respect of both the local Plaintiffs' and Defense bar. Lawyers throughout New Mexico know that Judge Carson does not renege on his word. In today's highly polarized climate, we appreciate the open-mindedness and integrity Judge Carson will bring to the bench.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you like to speak with any of us further, feel free to contact us. We urge you to support Judge Carson's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Sincerely,

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