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

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Samuel D. Adkisson to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write today in support of the nomination of Sam Adkisson to serve on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. We all served as judicial law clerks to Judge Amul R. Thapar during either his tenure as a district court judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky or as a circuit judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Each of us signs this letter in a personal capacity, and not on behalf of any current or former employer.

We hold a wide variety of political and legal views. Since our clerkships, we have dispersed across the country in a variety of roles in public service, private practice, academia, and business. But we share the belief that Sam is eminently qualified to serve as a United States District Court judge.

We are confident that litigants in Tennessee will find in Sam the judge what we have found in Sam the co-clerk, colleague, and friend. He is a first-rate intellect, as his résumé demonstrates and his hearing will undoubtedly confirm. But more importantly, he is also a man of sober judgment, integrity, and humility. We were delighted to hear of Sam's nomination the United States District Court, and we urge the Senate to swiftly confirm him.

Sincerely,

MacKenzie Mayes Walter
Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2008

Adam McNeely
Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2008

Daniel Taylor
Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2010-2011

Greg. F. Miller
Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2012-2013

Samuel Rudman
Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2013-2014

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Former Law Clerks of Hon. Amul R. Thapar Letter re: Adkisson Nomination

Philip D. Williamson
Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2014-2015

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Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2018-2019

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Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2019-2020

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Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2022-2023

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Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2023-2024

John "J.J." Snidow
Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2015-2016

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Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2018-2019

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Clerk to Judge Thapar, 2019-2020

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