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Re: Recommendation in Support of Ryan Wesley Bounds

Dear Mr. Savage:

Please accept this letter in support of the nomination of Ryan Wesley Bounds to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Having worked alongside Ryan at the United States Attorney's Office, we offer unique insight into his remarkable qualifications for this appointment. While Ryan is well known for his sharp intellect and exceptional legal writing, it is his humility and willingness to listen that make him such a pleasure to work with. Those qualities would serve him well as a jurist.

As a federal prosecutor, Ryan handles a wide range of cases—from investment fraud to international terrorism—all with equal diligence, professionalism, and integrity. He is a gifted and measured advocate who faithfully adheres to the high legal and ethical standards that guide our work. As a mentor to his colleagues, and a respected member of the federal bar, Ryan has consistently proven himself to be an honest steward of justice and the public interest.

Ryan's admirable work ethic, keen judgment, persuasive courtroom advocacy, and masterful writing are all exemplary skills that colleagues and opponents alike seek to emulate. We are confident that Ryan would display those same attributes as an appellate judge. Parties appearing before him in the Ninth Circuit can be assured that Ryan would decide their cases objectively, thoroughly, and compassionately.

With his intellect, temperament, and innate sense of fairness, we know that Ryan would honorably serve the people of the United States as an invaluable member of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Thank you for your consideration of Ryan's application for a position on the Ninth Circuit. As colleagues, we give him our highest recommendation.

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