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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
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**Re: Recommendation of Mark Bennett for the U.S. Circuit
Court for the Ninth Circuit**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write this letter to express our support for the nomination of Mark Bennett to become a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Bennett is especially qualified to serve in this capacity by his rich experience at both the state and federal levels. His experience is consistently guided by personal integrity and sound judgment.

As the chief legal officers of our respective states, we are particularly aware of the importance of the fair, effective and efficient administration of justice for our citizens. Former Attorney General Bennett served as Hawaii's Attorney General from 2003 to 2010. His professional experiences as an Assistant United States Attorney, law professor and litigator specializing in complex civil and appellate litigation, have prepared him well for service on the bench, where his range and depth of experience will shine.

Mr. Bennett has received the highest recognition from fellow bar members and peers. He has served as a federal prosecutor in the State of Hawaii and the District of Columbia. As a private attorney, his pro bono practice has included representing the people of Hawaii as a prosecutor in two murder trials. He has argued scores of appellate decisions.

As Attorney General of Hawaii, Bennett led the National Association of Attorneys General Antitrust Committee and the Executive Working Group for Antitrust. The National Association of Attorneys General helps the 56 state and territory attorneys general fulfill the responsibilities of their offices and assists in the delivery of high quality legal services. NAAG fosters an environment of "cooperative leadership,"



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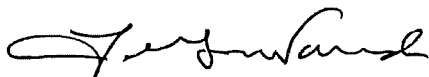
helping attorneys general respond effectively to emerging state and federal issues, and Bennett was a key supporter in that effort.

As Attorney General, Bennett considered himself a lawyer representing all the citizens of Hawaii, regardless of political party. He successfully argued two cases before the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the people of Hawaii. In both instances, Hawaii's position garnered significant bipartisan support.

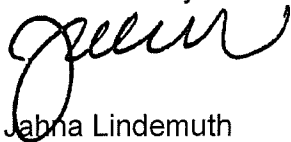
As Attorney General, Bennett was held in the highest regard by his fellow Attorneys General. One Attorney General commented that he was "a lawyer's lawyer." Another said "when Mark talked, people really listened."

We are confident that Mr. Bennett's broad experience and sound judgment will serve him, and the American public, well. His exceptional legal skills, combined with his commitment to collaborative, reasonable and effective application of the nation's laws, are the bedrock that will make him a successful leader as United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Respectfully submitted,



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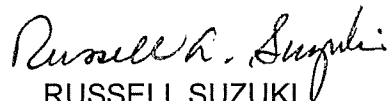
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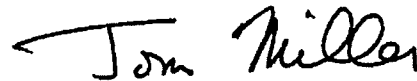
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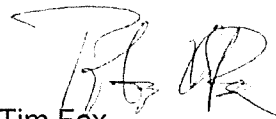
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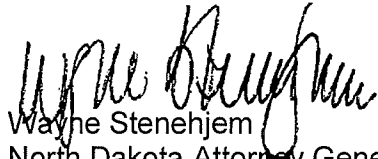


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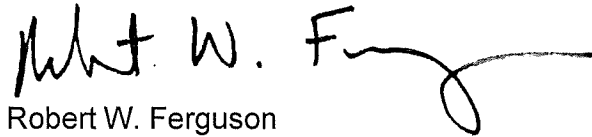
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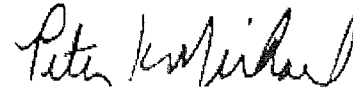
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