

July 14, 2026

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley

Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin

Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

My name is Rabbi Jacob Teitelbaum, and I serve as the head of Congregation Atzai Chaim Siget in Brooklyn, New York. I am also the son of Rabbi Zalman Teitelbaum, the Grand Rabbi of Satmar, one of the foremost leaders of the worldwide Hasidic community, whose influence extends to hundreds of thousands of followers.

I write to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of Mr. Todd Blanche to serve as Attorney General of the United States.

Over the years, I have been entrusted—without ever seeking the role—with supporting members of our community and others who have unfortunately become entangled in the legal system. People from all walks of life turn to me for both spiritual counsel and practical assistance, from helping them confront remorse and repentance to assisting them in finding capable legal representation.

It is through that work that I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Blanche for many years during his distinguished career as a defense attorney. Throughout that time, I came to know not only an exceptionally gifted lawyer, but an exceptionally kind and humble human being. Having worked with and observed many attorneys over the years, I can say without hesitation that Mr. Blanche always stood apart. While the legal profession often rewards toughness and intensity, Mr. Blanche consistently carried himself with a rare gentleness, humility, and genuine compassion that left a lasting impression on everyone around him. Equally important, I came to know him as a man of sound judgment, quiet confidence, and unquestioned integrity—someone who approaches difficult decisions thoughtfully, carefully, and without ego.

His integrity, warmth, and unwavering dedication to his clients are truly exceptional. What impressed me most, however, was not simply his legal ability, but his character. On more than one occasion, I witnessed Mr. Blanche continue to provide first-rate representation after learning that a client was facing severe financial hardship, often taking on cases on a pro bono or substantially reduced-fee basis. He never allowed a person's financial circumstances to

diminish the quality of his advocacy or the respect with which he treated them. Time and again, I saw a man who quietly and selflessly placed the needs of others ahead of his own. It was evident that, to him, practicing law was not merely a profession—it was a calling rooted in fairness, dignity, and compassion. These are precisely the qualities I believe our nation needs in its next Attorney General: firmness in the pursuit of justice, joined with mercy and respect for every person who encounters the law.

“Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof”—“Justice, justice shall you pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20)—is one of the Torah’s foundational commandments. I was privileged to spend many hours with Mr. Blanche over the years, and through those conversations I came to appreciate his genuine commitment to that very ideal. His passion for a criminal justice system that is both just and humane is sincere, deeply held, and evident in both his words and his actions. I have no doubt he will carry that same commitment into the office of the Attorney General.

For these reasons, and based on my many years of personal experience with Mr. Blanche, I wholeheartedly support his nomination to serve as Attorney General of the United States and respectfully urge the Committee to report his nomination favorably and the United States Senate to confirm him.

May Almighty G-d bless each of you and your families with good health, wisdom, and continued success in your service to our nation.

Respectfully,

Rabbi Jacob Teitelbaum
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