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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C., 20510

Dear Senator Grassley and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

As president of the nation's oldest and largest Catholic civil rights organization, I am delighted to support the nomination of Emil Bove to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. My primary reason for doing so is Bove's record of opposing the radicalization of justice by political activists.

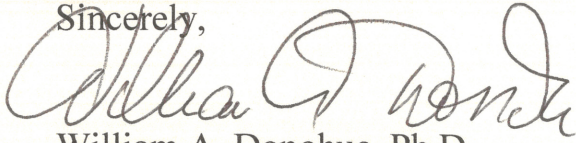
Mainline Catholics—not just those identified as “radical-traditionalist Catholics”—were targeted by the FBI under the tutelage of Director Christopher Wray. They were spied upon simply because they were deemed “pro-life, “pro-family,” and supportive of “the biological basis for sex and gender distinction.” For this basic Catholic understanding of marriage, the family and sexuality, they were branded “domestic terrorists.” As such, they were lumped in with those who firebombed government offices.

Bove helped to lead the Department of Justice Weaponization of Justice Working Group, so he knows how to handle egregious violations of the First Amendment rights of Catholics. Indeed, one of the tasks assigned to this group was the perversion of justice by FBI operatives who sought to probe innocent Catholics. We desperately need someone on the federal bench who takes these matters seriously.

It speaks well of Bove that those who have worked with him admire his tenacity in securing justice for everyone. As one associate put, “he has a moral compass,” that is the pursuit of truth. That has a very Catholic ring to it, which is why we are so high on him.

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights strongly urges that Emil Bove be seated on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. It will go a long way to advance the integrity of the federal bench, and to assure Catholics that their rights are being protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William A. Donohue". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.

President