

Dear Chairman Grassley:

I am writing in strong support of Emil J. Bove, Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General of the United States, as a nominee to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Bove brings to this position an extraordinary legal mind, a deep commitment to public service, and an unimpeachable record of integrity and professionalism making him an ideal choice to serve on the federal bench.

Mr. Bove has spent the majority of his legal career advancing the mission of the U.S. Department of Justice. Beginning his service as a paralegal and rising to become a decorated federal prosecutor in the Southern District of New York, he has handled some of the most complex cases involving terrorism, narcotics trafficking, and counterintelligence. His ability to lead through high-stakes litigation and appeal is a testament to his deep understanding of constitutional and criminal law. Now, as the Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, he helps manage the daily operations of a Department that includes more than 100,000 employees, from Main Justice to the FBI, DEA, and 94 U.S. Attorney's Offices. Mr. Bove's tenure in the private sector further demonstrates his balanced perspective and legal acumen. From 2022 to 2025, he served as a partner at a litigation firm founded by Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche, representing high-profile clients—including President Donald J. Trump—with discretion, strategic clarity, and a steadfast adherence to the rule of law.

Mr. Bove represents the best of our legal tradition, one that values experience, impartiality, and a dedication to justice above politics. Further, he has shown a career long dedication to prioritizing public safety at a time when sex and labor trafficking are on the rise throughout our country. Organizations like ours are looking to all elements of the criminal justice system to engage in this fight to end modern day slavery and we are confident Mr. Bove will provide a voice for this movement while serving on the court.

The Third Circuit, and our country more broadly, would benefit immensely from his service on the bench. I strongly urge the United States Senate to confirm Emil J. Bove without delay. Should you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at frusso@mail.conservative.org.

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