

June 23, 2025

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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Re: Confirmation of Emil Bove for U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We, the signatories below, are all former United States Attorneys and former senior U.S. Department of Justice officials who write in support of the confirmation of Emil Bove for a seat on the Third Circuit bench.

As former United States Attorneys and former Department of Justice officials, we are well positioned to evaluate Mr. Bove's qualifications to add a new chapter to his lengthy public service as a member of the Third Circuit. Having appeared before trial and appellate judges for most, if not all, of our collective careers, we understand that dedication to the law and our Constitution, strong work ethic, humility, and commitment to service are among the virtues we should seek in those who don the robe. Emil Bove embodies all those qualities.

Through hard work, Mr. Bove has gained experiences and credentials common to many who have gone on to distinguish themselves as respected jurists. He served as a law clerk to two highly respected federal judges on the district court and appellate benches, learning firsthand the significance of the courts' expansive reach and authority. He worked as a young lawyer for one of the world's most respected law firms. He served his country for over nine years as a career federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York; hired by then-U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, he rose to the rank of supervisor over that office's National Security and International Narcotics Unit, which handles some of the Department's most sensitive and challenging prosecutions. He gained critical perspective and experience as defense counsel in private practice, representing clients in high-profile and high-pressure matters. And he returned to public service as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, a relentlessly demanding position involved in the oversight of all of the Justice Department's 115,000 personnel.

But such glittering credentials are not the entire story. Hailing from a small town in upstate New York, Mr. Bove began his Department of Justice service not as a prosecutor, but as a young paralegal immediately after graduating from the State University of New York at Albany. Working closely for two years with teams of career agents and prosecutors in Manhattan, he resolved to attend law school and strive to become a prosecutor himself. He comes from a family of public

servants: His father served for many years as an Assistant Attorney General with the New York State Attorney General’s Office. And his brother is an officer in the United States Navy, in active-duty service. Public service is in Mr. Bove’s blood.

Mr. Bove has proven academic and leadership credentials as well. He graduated from college summa cum laude with a perfect 4.0 GPA—all the more impressive because he was also a student-athlete and co-captain of Albany’s national powerhouse lacrosse team, recognized by both his coaches and peers for his leadership. He went on to graduate from Georgetown University Law Center in the top 5% of his class, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the prestigious Georgetown Law Journal’s Annual Review of Criminal Procedure.

Mr. Bove is a superb nominee. He would bring well-rounded and distinguished experience to the bench. As both prosecutor and defense counsel, he well understands the importance of examining all sides of an issue. He has gained deep familiarity with and respect for federal law, the rigors of trial and criminal process, the rule of law, and the principles of the United States Constitution. Moreover, his professionalism, integrity, mettle, and expertise make him an outstanding candidate to serve as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

We strongly urge you to support his confirmation.

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