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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of David Bragdon to the United States District Court for the Middle
District of North Carolina

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are current Assistant United States Attorneys and Appellate Chiefs in U.S. Attorney's Offices across the Fourth Circuit, writing in our personal capacities to express our support for the nomination of our colleague and fellow Appellate Chief, David Bragdon, to the federal bench.

As Appellate Chiefs, we have worked hand in hand with David as supervisors and managers of the appellate caseload in our respective offices. In this role, we have directly observed his unwavering commitment to the pursuit of justice on behalf of the people of the United States. In both his own cases and in mentoring other attorneys over his years of public service, he has upheld the highest traditions of our profession.

David is a "lawyer's lawyer": a person of such strong intellect, breadth of legal knowledge, and insight that even experienced attorneys rely upon him for sage counsel. He unselfishly gives of his time to provide colleagues with assistance while juggling his own demanding caseload. He approaches complex legal issues with objectivity, careful research, and meticulous attention to the facts and the law.

As former law clerks, we know first-hand the demands of serving as a member of the federal bench and the qualities that enhance the role. Federal district judges have a tremendous responsibility to ensure that the parties in both civil and criminal cases receive a fair adjudication and to develop a thorough record in the event of further review. Such interests are best furthered

by the selection of sober-minded, deliberate, dedicated intellects representing the best of our profession. David Bragdon meets that standard.

We recommend, without qualification, his confirmation to the federal bench.

Respectfully,

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