

September 8, 2025

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

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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 and former prosecutors who have served with David Bragdon. We write in our personal capacities to express our support for his nomination to the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Anyone reading this letter is likely familiar with David's sterling credentials for this position. A graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, David clerked for the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He then spent a few years in private practice before returning to our nation's capital to clerk for the Honorable Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court of the United States. He has remained in public service for the 19 years since.

Fortunately for the undersigned, we have worked alongside him in that time. We have gotten to know him, and we are better attorneys for it. David is an admirable advocate for the United States. In his near-decade in the economic crimes section, he prosecuted those who put their own greed before the financial security of the government or private citizens. And as an attorney in and leader of the Appellate Division, he has been conscientious, creative, and relentless in protecting the United States' interests on appeal.

The qualities that make David an excellent lawyer, colleague, and supervisor will make him an outstanding judge. He holds himself and those around him to the highest moral standards. He has the courage to take the position he believes is correct under the law, even if it is unpopular. He also listens to those who disagree with him and changes his mind when appropriate. He remains calm and contemplative even

when the circumstances around him are not. And he never rests on his considerable laurels: instead, he continuously strives to improve his mastery of issues and the effectiveness of his advocacy.

In our view, this is an easy one. David would be a credit to the bench, and we urge the Senate to confirm him.

Respectfully,

C. Michael Anderson	<i>DOJ 2015–25</i>
Philip L. Aubart	<i>DOJ 2022–present</i>
Erin C. Blondel	<i>DOJ 2014–21; 2023–present</i>
Lucy Partain Brown	<i>DOJ 2018–present</i>
Robert J. Dodson	<i>DOJ 2010–present</i>
Dennis M. Duffy	<i>DOJ 1991–2025</i>
Katherine S. Englander	<i>DOJ 2018–present</i>
Kristine L. Fritz	<i>DOJ 2009–present</i>
John L. Gibbons	<i>DOJ 2023–24</i>
William M. Gilmore	<i>DOJ 2008–present</i>
Joshua Brian Howard	<i>DOJ 2001–09</i>
Adam F. Hulbig	<i>DOJ 2005–present</i>
Andrew Kasper	<i>DOJ 2022–present</i>
Sebastian Kielmanovich	<i>DOJ 2010–24</i>
Scott A. Lemmon	<i>DOJ 2013–present</i>
K. Paige O’Hale	<i>DOJ 2014–present</i>
Evan Rikhye	<i>DOJ 2004–24</i>
Joshua B. Royster	<i>DOJ 2005–22</i>
Clay C. Wheeler	<i>DOJ 2002–11</i>