

September 9, 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 Assistant Federal Public Defenders for the Eastern District of North Carolina, where David Bragdon currently serves as the appellate chief in the United States Attorney's Office. We write solely in our personal capacities to express our support for David's nomination to the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

David's résumé attests to his outstanding intelligence and work ethic. David graduated summa cum laude from Campbell University, where he served as student body president, and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia. After law school, David clerked for the Honorable Judge Stephen Williams of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, spent three years in private practice, then clerked for Associate Justice Clarence Thomas of the United States Supreme Court. Following his clerkships, David joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. As an Assistant United States Attorney, he has tried fifteen jury trials, written approximately fifty appellate briefs, and argued fifteen cases before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

What David's résumé does not reveal is his personal character. It can be difficult, at times, for lawyers to strike a balance between ardently advancing their clients' interests and treating their opponents humanely; but David walks that line with aplomb. He is marked by his consistency, decency, and discipline. As those of us who have been fortunate enough to work with him know, David is a clear thinker and an excellent writer. He treats everyone he encounters with respect and compassion. We are confident David will approach each case before him with the same diligence and thoughtfulness he has demonstrated as an Assistant United States Attorney.

In sum, we believe that David's professional experience and personal character render him exceptionally well-qualified to serve as a district court judge, and that he would be a tremendous addition to the federal bench. We urge the Committee to report his nomination favorably and the Senate to confirm him to the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Respectfully,

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