

September 11, 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

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We, the signatories below, are current and former United States Attorneys from across North Carolina, who served under presidents of both parties going back more than twenty years. We write to express our strong support for the nomination of David Bragdon to the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

In our roles as United States Attorneys and other positions of leadership for the state and federal government, we are in a unique position to evaluate the qualifications for this most important work. David understands justice and will protect the public, while building trust in the community and respecting individual rights enshrined in the Constitution. We have no doubt that David will excel in every facet of this weighty job.

We know David in various ways – as friends, colleagues, and having worked alongside him in his role as Assistant United States Attorney and Appellate Chief in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. We can attest, through personal knowledge and by reputation, that David has been an incredibly effective prosecutor and advocate for the United States, while treating opposing parties and their counsel with fairness and respect. He has a strong reputation for his intellect, thoughtfulness and consideration of opposing views.

David is also a problem-solver, having personally handled many complex investigations, prosecutions, and appeals, which include incredibly thorny legal issues. He has carefully and meticulously sorted through the issues, explaining them to the court with aplomb. David also carefully advised numerous attorneys who are line prosecutors and in leadership in the office, defense counsel, and agents with whom he works on difficult issues of law.

Most importantly, however, David treats all colleagues and attorneys and defendants with whom he encounters with a strong sense of humanity and

collegiality. He enjoys the highest reputation in the legal community for his intelligence, thoughtfulness, and preparation. David consistently displays the temperament, character and work ethic necessary to make an outstanding judge.

In conclusion, we enthusiastically support David Bragdon's nomination and respectfully recommend that he be confirmed the next United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Respectfully,

John S. Bruce, EDNC (2001-2002 and 2016-2017)

Hon. George Holding, EDNC (2006-2011)

Hon. Thomas G. Walker, EDNC (2011-2016)

Hon. Robert J. Higdon, Jr., EDNC (2017-2021)

Hon. R. Andrew Murray, WDNC (2017-2021)

Hon. Matthew G.T. Martin, MDNC (2018-2021)

G. Norman Acker, EDNC (Acting 2021)

William Stetzer, WDNC (Acting 2021)

Hon. Michael F. Easley, Jr., EDNC (2021-2025)

Daniel P. Bubar, EDNC (Acting 2025)

Russell Ferguson, WDNC (2025)