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The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Joel M. Carson III

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

Thank you for the opportunity to write this letter supporting Artesia's own Joel Carson nomination to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Carson grew up in Artesia, New Mexico—a small town with a population of just over 12,000 people situated in Eddy County, New Mexico. He attended Artesia Public Schools. The people of Artesia are hard-working, dedicated, and sincere. Judge Carson is no exception.

I have personally known Judge Carson and his family for years. Like his father before him, Judge Carson strives for excellence in his practice. I personally worked with Judge Carson on city projects throughout his private practice. Judge Carson represented his clients well and was always a pleasure to work with. His demeanor with anyone that crossed his path was respectful and sincere. These are the qualities I expect in a judge and why I believe that he will do a great job on the Tenth Circuit.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can answer any questions or be of any assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Phillip Burch
Mayor of Artesia, NM

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