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

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

Re: Todd Butler

Gentlemen:

I am happy to write in support of the nomination of Todd Butler to become a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Todd is an excellent lawyer, and he will be an excellent judge.

I confess that I am a generation older than Todd, and you will hear from many younger lawyers who have worked with him more closely than I have. However, my knowledge of Todd goes back to his clerkship with Judge Southwick at the same time that my daughter was serving as a clerk for Judge Barksdale. Todd was trained by a judge I know well and greatly admire, and he spent a year in the courthouse with other excellent judges. Todd understands the role of a judge from first-hand experience, and he is ready properly to fulfill that role.

Todd is thoroughly experienced in constitutional law and the federal statutes governing individual rights. He has effectively defended local governments and their law enforcement officers. I have represented other litigants in some of Todd's cases, and I know him to be not only a superb litigator, but also an honest and courteous colleague and adversary.

I was particularly honored when Todd asked me to help him prepare for his recent argument at the Supreme Court of the United States. I found his briefs to be thorough and powerful. We

extensively discussed his planned oral argument, and I am satisfied that he presented it well. He diligently represented his client, but he also gave the Court the assistance it needs from its officers in rendering a decision.

I have had the pleasure of knowing all of Mississippi's Fifth Circuit Judges going all the way back to J. P. Coleman. The nominees of many presidents of both parties have worked together with their colleagues to shape the Court that has played such a large role in Mississippi's development. Todd will make an outstanding addition to that honored list of public servants.

I urge the Committee to approve Todd's nomination, and I thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.

Sincerely,

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