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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Mr. Todd Butler to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the members of the Mississippi Bankers Association, I write to offer our strong support for the nomination of Mr. Todd Butler to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The banking industry – and the broader economy it supports – depends upon the predictability of an experienced, impartial judiciary that is faithful to the law. Mr. Butler's legal experience, professional integrity, and temperament make him well qualified to serve.

Mr. Butler's practice spans employment and municipal law, constitutional litigation, and extensive state and federal appellate work – including before the Fifth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is widely respected as a gifted legal writer and strategic thinker who handles complex matters efficiently and professionally, earning Mr. Butler the confidence of his peers and the federal judiciary.

Mr. Butler is highly qualified for this position. His practice as a litigator has included significant appellate work in the Fifth Circuit. He is known for thoughtful, meticulous legal work. He is also deeply committed to service, as exemplified by his roles as an adjunct professor, as past chairman of the Mississippi Bar's Appellate Practice Section, and as a member on the Magistrate Judge Selection Committee for the Southern District of Mississippi.

If confirmed, Mr. Butler will bring a consistent, even-handed approach to the federal bench. He is deeply committed to equal justice under the law, and we believe him to be a man of integrity and thoughtfulness. Certainly, these are the exact qualities we should all expect in any judicial nominee.

For these reasons, the Mississippi Bankers Association urges the Committee to favorably report Todd Butler's nomination and the full Senate to confirm him without delay. We believe his substantive legal knowledge, sound judgment, and commitment to the rule of law will serve the Fifth Circuit well.

Sincerely,

Gordon Fellows
President & CEO
Mississippi Bankers Association

CC: The Honorable Roger Wicker
The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith