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The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
The Honorable Richard Durbin, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

As president of Mississippi State University, it is an honor to write in support of alumnus G. Todd Butler, who has been nominated to serve as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Throughout the course of his impressive legal career, he has exhibited the timeless values of integrity, hard work, and respect for others that define our institution of higher learning.

Since graduating *summa cum laude* from Mississippi State University and the Mississippi College School of Law, Mr. Butler has distinguished himself as one of Mississippi's top attorneys and brightest legal minds. I believe it is notable that he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Leslie H. Southwick. This opportunity provided him with great insight into the Fifth Circuit. His extensive appellate practice, including significant experience arguing cases before the Fifth Circuit, further demonstrates his familiarity with the court and its work.

Mr. Butler has represented a wide variety of clients facing any number of challenging situations. Whatever the circumstances may be, he has focused on solving problems and helping people. He has helped clients achieve many successful results and has served his profession and community admirably as well. He has also taken time to invest in the future success of law students as an adjunct professor, teaching and mentoring the next generation of leaders we need.

Mr. Butler's background, education, and experience have prepared him well for service on the Fifth Circuit. I appreciate your consideration of his nomination. Thank you for your leadership and service to our great nation.

Sincerely,

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