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November 9, 2026

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

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Re: Nomination of Gregory Todd Butler to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

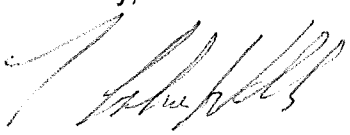
Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I am writing today to express my support of Gregory Todd Butler to serve as the next judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. I am a member of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi and it is a fairly large church for this area with an approximate membership of 2800 people.

I am an officer at the Church, and I am very much aware of how First Presbyterian has benefited from the trusted legal counsel which Todd Butler provided. Todd is a labor lawyer and employment lawyer, and has guided us on decisions which involve some of our deeply held doctrinal convictions. Todd has a great working understanding and respect for the protection that the First Amendment provides for churches. At all times, he has helped us follow the applicable laws while allowing us to honor our religious beliefs. Todd has given counsel to a number of churches in this area involving employment matters and he understands the unique protections which churches receive.

Todd clearly has the right temperament as well as the necessary legal knowledge and experience to be a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. You will not find a more honorable individual and I hope that you will support his nomination for this position.

Sincerely,



T. Calvin Wells

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