

November 2, 2026

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: **Letter Supporting Gregory Todd Butler to be a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We, the undersigned State Attorneys General, write to express our strong support for the nomination of Gregory Todd Butler to serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In a distinguished career that features deep experience in the Fifth Circuit, Mr. Butler has earned a reputation for topnotch legal skill, strong character, commitment to the law, and decency. He is well qualified and well suited for this vital role.

In all he has done, Mr. Butler has succeeded. He is a *summa cum laude* graduate of both Mississippi State University and the Mississippi College School of Law. After law school, he served as a law clerk for the highly regarded Judge Leslie H. Southwick on the Fifth Circuit. Today he is the managing partner in the Jackson, Mississippi office of Phelps Dunbar LLP.

Mr. Butler's career and achievements show that he has the qualities and experience to be a great appellate judge. He is a superb litigator and strategist, with deep expertise on constitutional and appellate issues. He is known as one of the best legal minds in Mississippi and is respected throughout the State's legal community for his skill, creativity, and equanimity. Nowhere have his qualities been on better display than in the Fifth Circuit, where he has argued successfully many times and has amassed a depth of experience that few could match. And beyond his many career achievements, Mr. Butler is decent and fair, a dedicated

husband and father, and a deeply generous person who treats all he meets as a friend.

Mr. Butler possesses the qualities to serve with distinction as a United States Circuit Judge. We strongly urge the Senate to confirm him without delay.

Sincerely,



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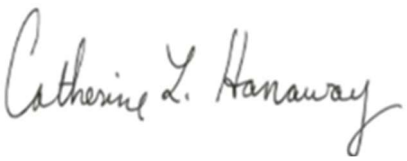
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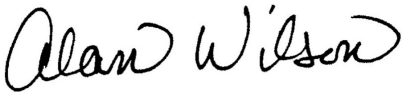
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