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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee
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The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member of the 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 write this letter to express my strong support for the nomination and confirmation of Gregory Todd Butler to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. From my experience with Todd, I believe him to be well-qualified for this role.

Todd's appellate record speaks for itself, but I have been a firsthand witness to Todd's legal judgment and analytical ability when he was retained to prepare amicus briefs in several cases for my former employer, the Texas Association of Counties. Several such cases come to mind, including Cole v. Hunter, 14-10228 which included multiple Texas and National law enforcement entities as well as the Texas Municipal League and the Texas Association of Counties. While working on these briefs with him, I saw Todd's thorough preparation and careful evaluation of both the law and each side's respective arguments. We all were consistently impressed with Todd's analytical precision, his effective writing style, and his sound professional judgment. We trust that these same skills would serve him well in the federal judiciary.

Todd also has the necessary temperament to serve in this role. I know that he will bring intellectual honesty to each case, considering all facts with an open mind and treating each party with respect.

Todd's background and robust appellate experience gives me confidence that Todd will fairly apply the Constitution and the laws of our country while serving as a judge. I therefore urge you to support Todd Butler's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Sincerely,

Mike Thompson, Jr.