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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Senators Grassley and Durbin:

I am honored to offer my strong recommendation for Gregory Todd Butler's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Throughout my career in law enforcement, I have had the opportunity to work with many attorneys, legal advisors, and professionals responsible for interpreting and applying the law. Todd Butler stands out not only for his exceptional legal knowledge but also for his character, sound judgment, and commitment to doing what is right.

I have had the privilege of working with Todd for many years, both through his representation of our officers in litigation and through the education and training he has provided to the Oxford Police Department.

What I appreciate most about Todd is that his commitment to the law extends beyond the courtroom. He does not simply represent officers when legal challenges arise. He invests his time and knowledge in helping officers become better professionals, better decision-makers, and better stewards of the authority entrusted to them.

Todd understands that the authority granted to law enforcement carries an extraordinary responsibility. His instruction consistently emphasizes the importance of constitutional policing, individual rights, accountability, and sound decision-making.

In my experience, Todd has never approached his work as simply defending a position or winning an argument. He takes the time to examine the facts, explain the law, and provide thoughtful and practical guidance. He understands the importance of protecting the rights of law enforcement officers while also recognizing our responsibility to protect the constitutional rights of every person we encounter.

As a police chief, I place tremendous value on people who possess both competence and character. Knowledge alone does not make someone a great leader or judge. It must be accompanied by integrity, wisdom, fairness, and the temperament to make difficult decisions.

Through my professional relationship with Todd, I have seen those qualities consistently demonstrated.

I firmly believe Todd Butler possesses the legal knowledge, integrity, sound judgment, and temperament necessary to serve with distinction on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

It is with great confidence and respect that I offer my wholehearted support for his nomination.

Sincerely,

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