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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: Nomination of Jonathan A. Kobes to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of my current colleague, Jonathan Kobes to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. I have served as Counsel to U.S. Senator Michael Rounds, under Jonathan's guidance, for the past sixteen months. Prior to my employment with the Senate, I was employed with the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations where I worked as a Policy and Legal Analyst for the state and had little knowledge of what the expectations were to serve as Counsel to a United States Senator. Under Jonathan's leadership, I started as a Special Assistant and was allowed an opportunity to grow and learn from his mentorship into my current role.

From day one Jonathan set the bar high for me, as he has always done for himself. In the countless discussions we've had regarding legislation, the law, regulations, and everyday issues, Jonathan always demonstrated an unyielding sense of knowledge, analysis and reasoning. His broad range of experience in the public and private sector has allowed him to think outside the box and also well within it. In the time that I have worked with Jonathan, I have always known him to be highly competent, thorough, and intelligent in both his verbal and written legal counsel to the Senator.

I also believe that Jonathan exhibits a temperament that matches the qualities of a great judge. His patience, open-mindedness, and decisiveness will make him an excellent addition to the federal bench. I highly recommend Jon's confirmation to serve as a United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Thank you for your consideration of my recommendation.

Sincerely,



Kyle E. Chase