

July 23, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Jonathan Kobes to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write to express our staunch support for the nomination of Jonathan Kobes to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. We all have worked closely with Jonathan in his capacity as corporate advisor and legal counsel and we unanimously agree that, based on his talents, temperament, experience, and personal character, Jonathan would make an excellent federal judge. We urge the Senate to promptly consider his nomination and support, without any reservations, his confirmation.

Jonathan is highly qualified and well suited to a position on the federal bench by consistently demonstrating good judgement, honesty, and integrity. His integrity is beyond reproach. He is extremely conscientious and maintains the highest ethical standards. He has an exemplary legal mind and a sound understanding of issues. He is a devoted family man and friend. Jonathan is always willing to help others and handles every situation as a gentleman, respectfully and calmly.

Those of us fortunate enough to work with Jonathan are left with no doubt that he possesses the qualifications, ability, and temperament to serve the public honorably and with distinction as a federal circuit judge.

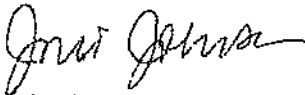
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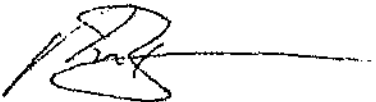
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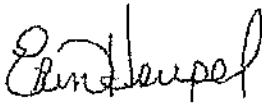
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