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The Honorable Charles Grassley
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United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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United States Senate
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RE: *The Nomination of the Honorable Britt C. Grant for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit*

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

As current and former State Solicitors General, we write in our personal capacities in support of the nomination of Justice Britt C. Grant to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Justice Grant's background demonstrates a breadth of experience and a commitment to public service. Justice Grant was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, but also spent a number of years in Washington, D.C., serving in the Legislative and Executive branches. She then attended Stanford Law School, where she graduated with distinction. She went on to serve as a law clerk to the Honorable Brett M. Kavanaugh of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and then as a private practitioner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

In 2012, Justice Grant returned home to Atlanta to serve in the Georgia Office of the Attorney General as Counsel for Legal Policy and later as Solicitor General. It is in this capacity that we have had the opportunity to work with Justice Grant.

As Solicitors General, we frequently work together in multi-state coalitions to advocate for the legal interests of our respective states. During her time as Solicitor General, Justice Grant distinguished herself as an exceptional advocate for the State of Georgia. As the leader of a multi-state coalition engaged in complex litigation, Justice Grant demonstrated her intellectual capability as a strategic legal thinker. She also excelled as an oral advocate in front of multiple state and federal courts, where she was known for explaining difficult legal concepts in common-sense terms. And as a writer, she consistently prepared strong briefs that demonstrated her analytical ability and clarity of thought.

It is unsurprising that these same qualities have carried over to Justice Grant's current work on the Georgia Supreme Court. On the bench, Justice Grant is known for asking tough and insightful—but fair—questions. She has also earned a reputation as an

excellent writer who strives to explain the law in clear terms, and who focuses on making legal reasoning accessible even to lay readers.

Throughout all of the phases of her career, Justice Grant has evinced the highest levels of integrity and work ethic. She has treated colleagues, opposing counsel, and the litigants appearing before her with respect. And on a personal level, she has demonstrated a congeniality that is also apparent in her judicial temperament.

In sum, Justice Grant possesses the intellect, capability, integrity, and temperament to excel as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She understands the proper role of a judge, and we are confident that she will continue to apply the law fairly and impartially. We therefore urge the Senate to confirm Justice Grant to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Sincerely,

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