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

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

Re: Judge Joel M. Carson III for 10th Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

Magistrate Judge Carson and I have known each other since 2000 when we were in the same class of "Leadership Roswell". Over the years we have stayed in contact in the Roswell community. His wife, Dr. Karen Carson, is the pediatrician for my grandchildren. In addition I have gotten to know his father, Joel M. Carson II, who is also a respected attorney.

Judge Carson is a dedicated family man with young sons who are active in youth rodeo. I have been to his home and I can assure you both he and his entire family are committed to serving this community. He is a well-respected attorney who was fortunate to have clerked for Senior Judge Bobby R. Baldock of the 10th Circuit. I can think of no better mentor than Judge Baldock.

As a retired Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with 24 years of almost exclusively criminal case experience, I have observed numerous Federal Judges. I can say without hesitation Judge Carson would make an exceptional Judge of the Court of Appeals. He is smart, insightful, principled and dedicated. He recognizes the true role of the Judiciary. It is to resolve disputes using the Constitution, statutes, and case law as guiding documents. It is not to disregard precedent.

If you have any questions for me on this matter feel free to contact me at 575-637-6273.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Kintigh
Mayor of Roswell, NM