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

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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**Re: Nomination of Joshua Divine to the United States District Court for
the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write to support the nomination of Joshua Divine to the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri. We know Josh through our affiliation as former law clerks for Chief Judge William H. Pryor Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. We believe that Josh's work ethic, self-discipline, intelligence, temperament, and dedication to public service will make him an excellent addition to the federal judiciary.

Josh grew up in southern Colorado and earned a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from the University of Northern Colorado in 2012, graduating summa cum laude, and his Juris Doctor from Yale Law School in 2016, where he served on the Yale Law Journal and Yale Law & Policy Review. After law school, he clerked for Chief Judge Pryor, where several of us saw firsthand his analytical ability and deep commitment to the fair application of the law. Josh went on to clerk for Associate Justice Clarence Thomas of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Between and following his clerkships, Josh built an impressive legal career in public service and appellate advocacy. He served as Deputy Solicitor General in the Missouri Attorney General's Office from 2017 to 2019, where his work earned the "2019 Supreme Court Best Brief Award" from the National Association of Attorneys General. He then served as Deputy Counsel and later Chief Counsel to Senator Josh Hawley from 2019 to 2022, managing legal and policy teams and developing expertise in technology, privacy, and criminal law while working on matters before

the Senate Judiciary Committee. Since January 2023, Josh has served as Missouri's Solicitor General and Director of Special Litigation, where he heads the state's Appellate and Special Litigation divisions. As Solicitor General, Josh has delivered more than twenty oral arguments in appellate and trial courts, demonstrating exceptional advocacy skills.

Josh has excelled in those roles in no small part because of his unwavering honesty, self-discipline, and tireless work ethic. A father of six (with one more on the way!), we know Josh to be a good and honest friend, father, husband, in addition to being an excellent lawyer. We are confident that, as a judge, he would bring these same qualities to bear in the expeditious and impartial administration of justice.

In sum, we are confident Josh's judicial temperament, integrity, and the breadth and depth of his experience make him highly qualified to serve as a federal judge. We urge the Senate to act quickly to confirm him to the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

Respectfully,

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