June 22, 2026

Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Judge Dan Domenico

Dear Senators:

We write to you jointly as former Governors of Colorado — one Republican, one Democrat — to urge your support for the confirmation of Chief Judge Daniel D. Domenico to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

While we come from different parties and often have divergent policy views, we are aligned on the critical importance of affirming highly qualified judges who will consistently apply the law as written. Federal judges must maintain the highest character, legal acumen, and selfless dedication to public service. We believe that Judge Domenico embodies these qualities and his confirmation to the Tenth Circuit would be a credit to our state and to the federal bench.

Dan Domenico, a Colorado native, and has built an impressive professional resume focused on public service. He earned his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Georgetown University and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served on the Virginia Law Review. He clerked for the very judge he would succeed — Chief Judge Timothy M. Tymkovich — and went on to serve as Colorado's Solicitor General, where he argued cases before the United States Supreme Court and represented the interests of Colorado's citizens. After a distinguished career in private practice, he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, where he has served as Chief Judge.

In that role, Judge Domenico has earned a reputation across the Colorado legal community for his intellectual rigor, fairness, and fidelity to the law. He does not approach cases with an eye toward political outcomes but follows precedent, applies the law as written, and respects the proper role of the judiciary in our constitutional system.

Judge Domenico has served Colorado with distinction and we believe he would continue to do so on the appeals court. We are proud to recommend him without reservation, and hope you will join us in supporting his confirmation.

Respectfully,

Bill Owens
Bill Owens (Jun 23, 2026 10:53:00 MDT)

Bill Owens
40th Governor of Colorado (1999–2007)

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Bill Ritter (Jun 23, 2026 10:57:58 MDT)

Bill Ritter
41st Governor of Colorado (2007–2011)

Cc: Senator Michael Bennett; Senator John Hickenlooper