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The Honorable John Thune  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
United States Senate  
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Dear Members of the United States Senate,

On behalf of a coalition dedicated to upholding the rule of law, national security, and American sovereignty, we write to express our strong support for the nomination of Joseph Edlow as Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). His extensive experience, proven leadership, and commitment to a lawful and orderly immigration system make him the ideal candidate to lead USCIS at this critical juncture.

Our dear friend Joe has a distinguished record of public service in immigration policy and enforcement. As Acting Director of USCIS at the end of the first Trump administration, he successfully managed the agency through unprecedented challenges, including a fiscal crisis and the operational disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. His leadership ensured the agency continued to safeguard the integrity of our legal immigration system while protecting American interests. His prior roles as USCIS Chief Counsel and Deputy Director for Policy further demonstrate his deep understanding of the agency's operations, from adjudicating immigration benefits to strengthening fraud detection and national security protocols.

Before his tenure at USCIS, Mr. Edlow served in key positions at the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy and as counsel to the House Judiciary Committee's Immigration and Border Security Subcommittee. These roles equipped him with a comprehensive perspective on immigration law and policy, enabling him to navigate complex legislative and regulatory landscapes effectively. His early career as an Assistant Chief Counsel with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) underscores his commitment to enforcing our nation's immigration laws with fairness and rigor.

The Edlow nomination comes at a pivotal moment for USCIS, which faces significant challenges, including backlogs, inefficiencies, and the need for enhanced security measures. His proven track record suggests he is uniquely qualified to address these issues. We are confident that he will prioritize automating and digitizing administrative processes, reducing delays, and ensuring that USCIS operates with transparency and accountability.

Moreover, Mr. Edlow's alignment with America First principles—emphasizing the rule of law, protecting American workers, and national sovereignty—positions him to restore public trust in our immigration system. His contributions to the Heritage Foundation's Border Security and

Immigration Center, as well as other coalition groups, reflect his dedication to policies that prioritize American citizens while ensuring a fair and manageable legal immigration framework. We believe his leadership will ensure that USCIS upholds its mission to protect Americans, secure the homeland, and honor our values.

We urge the Senate to confirm Joseph Edlow as Director of USCIS without delay. His expertise, integrity, and unwavering commitment to a secure and efficient immigration system make him the right leader to guide USCIS in serving the American people.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact any group below if you require further information or wish to discuss Mr. Edlow's qualifications.

Sincerely,

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