

October 16, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am a career lawyer at the Department of Justice, and I write in my personal capacity to support of the nomination of Gregory Katsas to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. I have known Greg for more a decade, as a colleague at the Department of Justice and in his current position as Deputy Counsel to the President. Greg is particularly suited to the D.C. Circuit. He approaches legal issues analytically and with intellectual rigor. Despite his position as a political appointee at the Justice Department, he never approached issues politically. He was open-minded, thoughtful, fair, and deeply respectful of the Department's institutional norms. Greg was also notable for his humility. No single person can alone master the significant range of work handled by the Civil Division. Greg routinely sought out and relied upon the advice of career Department attorneys, whom he treated as equal partners in a collective quest to ensure the right and just result.

I fully expect Greg to exhibit these same qualities as a jurist. He will treat every litigant who comes before him with courtesy and respect. He will never pre-judge an issue, and he will work tirelessly to understand every perspective of the matter before him. I am confident that Greg will reflect great credit on the judiciary. I urge you to confirm him to the D.C. Circuit.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth J. Shapiro
Deputy Director, Federal Programs Branch
Civil Division