November 17, 2026

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

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Joseph Falvey to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are former law clerks and the former Judicial Assistant to Judge Thomas B. Griffith, retired from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. We write to support Joseph Falvey's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. Some of us served alongside Joe when he was clerking for Judge Griffith in 2018-2019. Others of us have had the privilege of getting to know Joe as fellow members of the Griffith clerk community. We have a wide range of legal and political perspectives, yet we are united in our belief that Joe is well qualified for the judicial position to which he has been nominated.

Joe's record of public service to this great country would be difficult to match. From his earliest days, he learned service to others in his home, where his parents adopted and fostered twelve children. Immediately after graduating college, he applied the lessons he learned at home by joining the United States Marines, where he served as an infantry officer through two deployments to Afghanistan. He has spent the better part of his legal career in public service, too. Most recently, he has worked as an Assistant United States Attorney, Criminal Chief, and Appellate Chief in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana. In that role, he has gained significant trial experience and has worked tirelessly to protect the people of Northern Indiana.

Of course, the public service with which we are most familiar is his service as a law clerk. In some ways, that role best anticipates the service he will render as a judge. Those of us who worked with him most closely can attest to his legal acumen, diligence, and impartiality. He is detail-oriented, without getting bogged down in detail, and decisive, without being rash. He is also an uncommonly thoughtful person, approaching differences in perspective with care and openness. And those of us who did not have the opportunity to serve alongside Joe nevertheless know the

lessons he learned in the Griffith Chambers: to approach the job with humility and fidelity to the law.

We have no doubt that Joe would be a principled and dedicated judge. We believe him to be well qualified to serve as a district judge and hope that these reflections will aid this Committee's consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,[*]

Brian Barnes (Law Clerk, 2010-2011)

Chris Bates (Law Clerk, 2010-2011)

Melanie Bostwick (Law Clerk, 2008-2009)

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[*] Each of us signs in his or her personal capacity and not on behalf of any current or former employer.