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Dear Senators Young and Banks:

I write to convey my wholehearted endorsement of Joseph Falvey, who President Trump has nominated to serve as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. Joe is a proven conservative, a dedicated public servant, an outstanding lawyer, a former United States Supreme Court clerk, and a decorated Marine. He will give stellar service to the people of Indiana and the country as a district judge.

By way of background, I served in several senior leadership positions in the United States Department of Justice during President Trump's first term, including as the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division. My primary responsibility in that role was to lead the Department's enforcement of the federal civil and criminal civil rights laws across the country. That responsibility gave me regular and frequent opportunity to appear before federal district and courts on cases involving two of the most important issues in America today: election integrity and religious liberty.

Following my government service, I returned to Jones Day as a partner in the Government Regulation group. My practice focuses on voting and election litigation on behalf of Republican committees, campaigns, and candidates, as well as on constitutional and administrative litigation involving the federal government.

It was in this capacity that I first came to know Joe when he joined Jones Day following his clerkship with Chief Justice Roberts and his service to the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of now-Justice Amy Coney Barrett's nomination. Almost immediately after joining the firm, Joe earned a reputation as a talented and hard-working member of several important litigation teams. Joe's analytical mind, strong writing skills, insight into the Supreme Court's inner workings, and commitment to the clients and cases set him apart even among his peer group of talented lawyers.

When the opportunity arose, I brought Joe onto my most important case, *Alexander v. South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP*. *Alexander* was a complicated redistricting case involving a challenge to South Carolina's First Congressional District represented by Republican Congresswoman Nancy Mace. A lower court ruled that the First District was unconstitutional,

and the case moved to the United States Supreme Court. I brought Joe in to assist with crafting the legal strategy, drafting the briefs to the Supreme Court, and helping me prepare for oral argument.

Joe's work was simply outstanding. He quickly grasped the complicated legal issues, developed a key argument that became a major theme in the briefing, and even put in long hours over a July 4th weekend to ensure that the brief was completed on time. I was particularly impressed with Joe's ability to work independently—and even to lead the team of junior lawyers assisting on the case—with a minimum of supervision from me. Joe also sat as my second chair during the oral argument, where his real-time suggestions on how to craft the rebuttal argument not only were correct, but also took the rebuttal in a direction I had not anticipated on my own.

Ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the lower court's decision and reinstated Congresswoman Mace's First District, largely on a rationale Joe developed. The victory that Joe helped to deliver was crucial to maintaining Republican control in the House in the 2024 elections. It also served as the foundation for later Supreme Court cases upholding Republican-friendly redistricting plans and clarifying the proper scope of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

I was disappointed to lose Joe when he joined the U.S. Attorney's office in 2024, but I could not have been more excited for Joe and the people of Indiana. Ever since his undergraduate years at Norte Dame, Joe has distinguished himself through his strong leadership skills and commitment to public service. It is no surprise that he has continued to distinguish himself as a strong Assistant United States Attorney, including as Chief of the Appellate Division and Acting Chief of the Criminal Division. Joe's unique and sterling credentials leave no doubt that he will make an outstanding federal judge.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can provide any more information about Joe or his qualifications.

Cordially,

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