

State Attorneys General

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March 18, 2013

The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
President Pro Tempore
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate

Dear Senator Harry Reid, Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Patrick Leahy, and Senator Chuck Grassley,

The undersigned State Attorneys General write to express our support for the nomination of Wyoming Attorney General Gregory Alan Phillips to the Tenth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals. We believe he has the knowledge, experience, and leadership skills to serve in this position.

Since March 2011, Gregory Phillips has served as Attorney General of Wyoming, successfully litigating a wide range of cases. With a strong record of public service, General Phillips served the state of Wyoming for two terms as State Senator. He then went on to join the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Wyoming and handled criminal prosecutions and appeals on behalf of the government. As an Assistant United States Attorney, General Phillips argued nineteen cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

General Phillips' extensive leadership and experience with United States Courts make him particularly well qualified to serve as a judge for the United States Court of Appeals. For the past two years he has diligently served the state of Wyoming as the chief law enforcement officer. The United States Court of Appeals has great power as it hears appeals from the district courts located within its circuit, as well as appeals from decisions of federal administrative agencies. This critical judgeship calls for the legal experience and dedication that General Phillips embodies. That knowledge combined with his keen intellect and experience as a lawyer and a

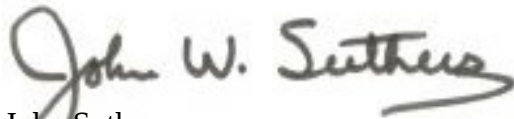
prosecutor make him well qualified for this position. He is also a fair-minded man with sound judgment and great personal integrity.

General Phillips grew up in Evanston, Wyoming, and he received his B.A. from the University of Wyoming in 1983 and his J.D. with honors from the University Of Wyoming College Of Law in 1987. After graduating from law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alan B. Johnson of the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming from 1987 to 1989.

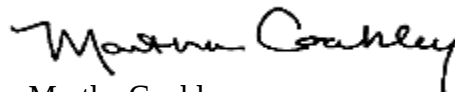
As Attorneys General from across the country, we are united in our support for General Phillips. He is certainly qualified to carry out the responsibilities of this position.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

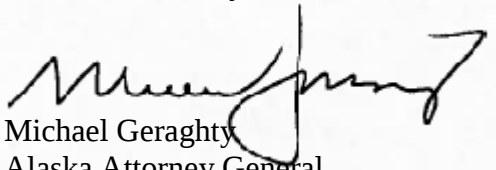
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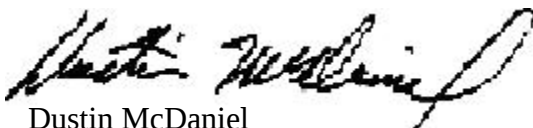
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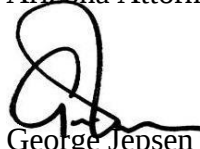
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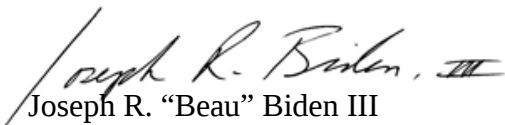
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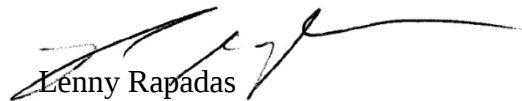
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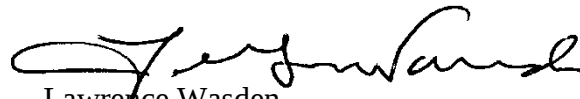
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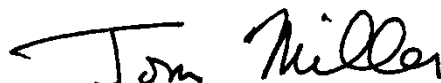
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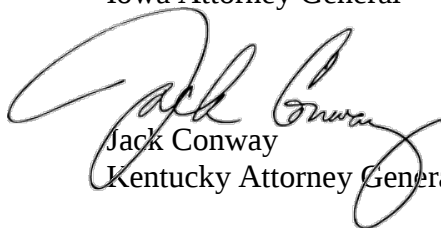
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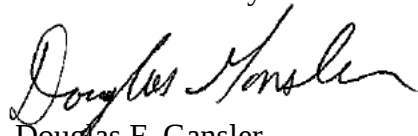
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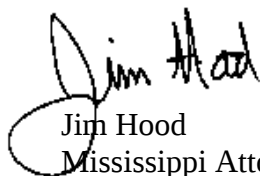
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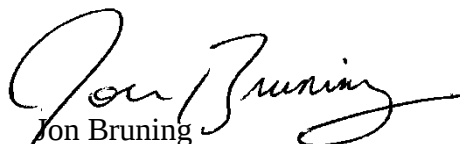
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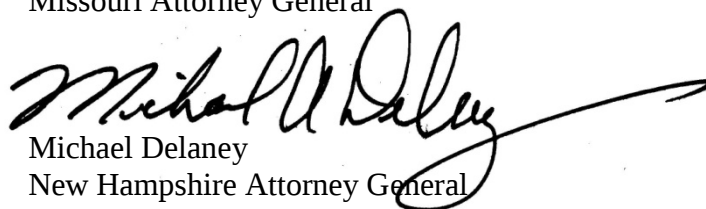
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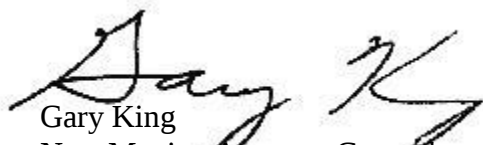
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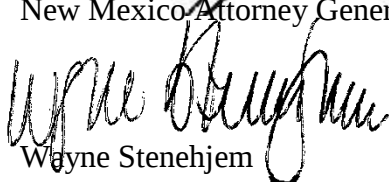
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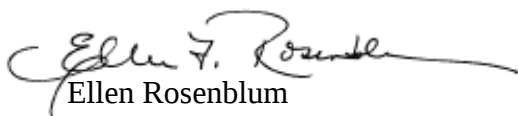
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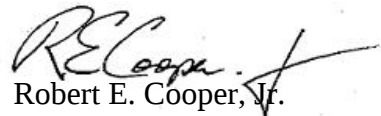


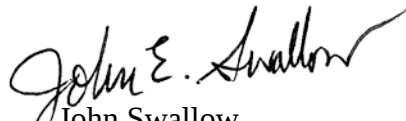
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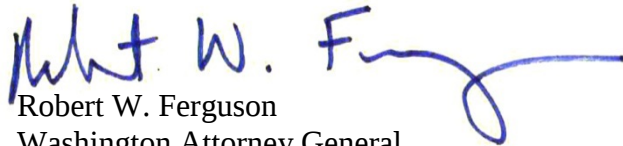
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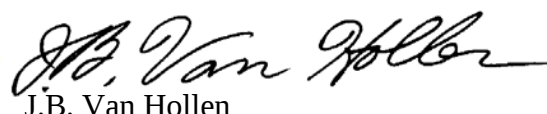

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