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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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Re: Nomination of Gregory G. Katsas as Circuit Judge,
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

We are career lawyers at the U.S. Department of Justice who had the privilege of serving as Counsels to Assistant Attorney General Gregory Katsas during his tenure as the head of the Civil Division. We also had the opportunity to work with Mr. Katsas when he led the Civil Division's Appellate Staff. We write in our personal capacities to express our strong support for the nomination of Mr. Katsas to be a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Mr. Katsas is a deeply principled man of exceptional intellect and character who is eminently qualified to serve on the court.

We worked with Mr. Katsas on a daily basis during his tenure as head of the Civil Division and observed his approach to the law as he led the Division's handling of the most challenging civil cases involving the United States. Based on our personal experience and our time working with Mr. Katsas then, and during his prior seven years in the Department of Justice, we came to respect Mr. Katsas's unparalleled work ethic, his respect for the law, and his remarkable legal abilities. Faced with truly novel legal questions involving the most sensitive issues, Mr. Katsas was always thoughtful in analyzing these issues and defended staunchly the United States' interests consistent with the Constitution and rule of law. Mr. Katsas's legal ability is second only to the courtesy and respect he showed to his colleagues and staff in the Department.

There can be no serious question that Mr. Katsas is well qualified for the position of Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Based on our experience working with him in the trenches on the toughest cases

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with the highest of stakes, we have no doubt that Mr. Katsas will make an excellent jurist. If confirmed, Mr. Katsas will bring humility, broad legal experience, and an abiding faith in the Constitution and the rule of law with him to the bench, and we urge his speedy confirmation.

Sincerely,



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