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

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write as attorneys at Ashbrook Byrne Kresge Flowers LLC (“ABKF”) who have had the privilege of working with Benjamin M. Flowers as colleagues, teammates, and mentees. We respectfully submit this letter in strong support of his confirmation to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Our experience with Ben is close and practical. We have seen him in the pressure of litigation, in the discipline of daily law practice, and in the ordinary interactions that reveal a person’s character. From that vantage point, we can say without hesitation that Ben is an extraordinary lawyer, an extraordinary person, and he would be an extraordinary federal circuit judge.

Ben’s legal ability is exceptional. In candid terms, he is a legal genius. He treats every legal question with utmost care. He is committed to getting the law right, even when the right answer is difficult, inconvenient, or unpopular. He thinks through legal problems with a precision and speed unlike anyone else we know. He sees governing principles quickly, articulates the hard questions before most have spotted them, and then works through the answer with rigor and intellectual honesty.

That brilliance is matched by an equally remarkable work ethic. For every case, he masters the record, the law, and the practical considerations. No issue is too small for his attention, and no

matter is too routine for his best judgment. The result is the rare combination that courts need most: a lawyer of immense ability who also has the discipline to do the careful work that justice requires.

Ben is also principled and courageous. He does not trim his judgment to fit the mood of the moment. When a client's position is unpopular but legally sound, or when a client's cause is just but difficult, Ben stands up with calm conviction. He is willing to bear criticism and opposition when principle requires it.

At the same time, Ben is humble, kind, and gracious to everyone with whom he works. Although his legal abilities exceed those of most lawyers, he never treats that fact as license to be dismissive. He listens. He teaches. He gives credit freely. He is patient with questions, generous with his time, and unfailingly respectful to colleagues at every level of experience. He does not ask anyone to do anything that he is not willing to do himself. The same qualities that make him formidable in court make him a deeply trusted person inside the firm.

We have also known Ben as one of the best mentors and supervisors a lawyer could have. He does everything in his power to ensure that those who work with him receive meaningful experience, substantive responsibility, and opportunities that can be hard to obtain, especially for younger lawyers in the profession. He pushes us to think more clearly, write more precisely, and advocate more faithfully. He makes the people around him better, and he does so because he genuinely wants them to succeed.

In sum, Ben is exactly the type of person and lawyer who should be a judge. We respectfully urge the Committee and the Senate to confirm Benjamin M. Flowers to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris-John Bosch

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/s/ Shams H. Hirji

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/s/ Carol A. Thompson

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