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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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711 Hart Senate Office Building
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Re: Benjamin M. Flowers

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate:

We are partners at the law firm Jones Day. It is our pleasure to submit this letter expressing support for the confirmation of our former colleague, Ben Flowers, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Jones Day has 2,500 lawyers in 40 offices across five continents. Our current and former attorneys have served in a variety of roles in state and federal government, in Democratic and Republican administrations, for over a century. Several of our colleagues have served among the ranks of the nation's most distinguished jurists, including former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia as well as many current judges on the federal trial and appellate courts. Our former partner, Chief Judge Jeffrey Sutton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, now holds the seat for which Ben has been nominated. We are proud of the contributions our colleagues have made to the federal bench, and we are confident that Ben will continue this fine tradition.

Ben has had an outstanding legal career. After graduating from the University of Chicago Law School in 2012, Ben clerked for Judge Sandra Ikuta on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and then for Justice Scalia on the Supreme Court of the United States. After completing his Supreme Court clerkship, Ben joined Jones Day in our Columbus office in 2015. In 2019, he went on to serve as the Solicitor General of the State of Ohio for four-and-a-half years, before returning to private practice in 2023.

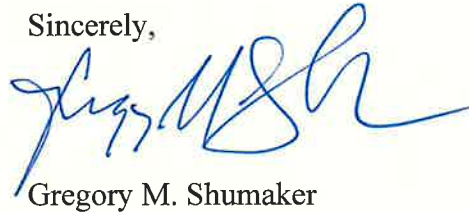
Based on our experience working with Ben, we are confident that he has both the integrity and the analytical skills to excel as an appellate judge. During his time in our Columbus office he developed a strong reputation for a keen legal mind and a commitment to excellence in the practice of law. His talent for legal analysis, his practical judgment, and the clarity of his reasoning and expression place him in the very top tier of appellate lawyers we have had the pleasure of working with. Indeed, though he came to us at an early stage in his career, even then he demonstrated a

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maturity of judgment and a steady temperament that enabled us to trust him with our clients' most important matters. While serving as a zealous advocate, he showed that he could maintain objectivity on difficult questions of law and fact. And through all of our interactions, his collegial manner and fair-minded approach to the profession garnered the respect of all he worked with—from liberal Democrats to conservative Republicans.

In short, our time practicing law with Ben assures us that he will be exactly the type of judge that every American should want to have deciding their case. He will always be well prepared, focused on the critical issues, and committed to applying the law in a fair and impartial manner. We urge the Senate to swiftly confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory M. Shumaker", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory M. Shumaker

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