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The Honorable Tom Coburn
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Judge Robert E. Bacharach for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Senator Coburn:

It is my sincere pleasure to write in support of Magistrate Judge Robert E. Bacharach's nomination to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Through the Federal Bar Association (FBA), I have had the honor of working with Judge Bacharach in our capacities as Circuit Vice Presidents for the past several years. In addition, I am originally from the State of Oklahoma where I attended the University of Oklahoma as an undergraduate and as a law student, and where I maintain a significant number of contacts in the legal and judicial arenas.

Judge Bacharach's academic record, intelligence, legal experience, demeanor, and character demonstrate unquestionably his qualifications for appointment to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. I can attest personally to the rigorous academic challenges of the University of Oklahoma. Clearly, Judge Bacharach excelled as a student and adjunct professor of law. He graduated with high honors and ranked 8th out of 195 students at Washington University's Law School. He served on the law review and was named to the Order of the Coif and Order of the Barristers, among his many honors.

In his professional career, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable William J. Holloway, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Thereafter, he spent approximately 12 years litigating for the esteemed law firm of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City where he was considered an outstanding trial attorney. As a Magistrate, he has chaired various committees on local civil procedure rules and criminal justice and has used

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his intellect and even-handedness to achieve positive outcomes. He is a highly respected member of the bench with regard to his knowledge and fairness and is well known for his adherence to the concept of judicial neutrality.

I note that the American Bar Association unanimously rated Judge Bacharach as "well qualified" for appointment to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. I further note that he is supported by other judges on both sides of the political aisle. Finally, I am so pleased to hear that both you and Senator Inhofe are supportive of Judge Bacharach's confirmation.

I urge the Committee to move the nomination of Judge Bacharach expeditiously to address the continuing crisis in judicial vacancies. Without doubt, I can say that Judge Bacharach would be an excellent and welcome choice to fill the vacancy on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Fuller", with a stylized, flowing script.

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