The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

## Re: Nomination of T. Elliot Gaiser to Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

We, the undersigned partners at Boyden Gray PLLC, write to express our strong support for the nomination of Elliot Gaiser to serve as the next Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice. During his time at our firm and in the years since, Elliot has demonstrated the keen intellect, strong principles, sound judgment, and even temperament required to lead the Office of Legal Counsel. We respectfully urge his confirmation.

Following clerkships on the Fifth and D.C. Circuits, and before clerking for Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito at the United States Supreme Court, Elliot was an associate attorney at Boyden Gray & Associates. He was hired by our firm's founder and namesake, the late C. Boyden Gray, who saw in Elliot the sharp legal mind, tireless work ethic, and trustworthy discernment that have come to characterize his legal career.

From his first days at the firm, Elliot demonstrated the ability to tackle difficult cases and engage novel legal concepts, never shying away from the most challenging issues. He embraced the painstaking effort required to navigate complex and arcane areas of federal law, and distinguished himself as a clear thinker, writer, and counselor. Through it all, Elliot gained extensive experience in the bodies of law that will inform his role at the Office of Legal Counsel: constitutional law, administrative law, and complex federal statutory schemes.

While we hold Elliot's intelligence and work ethic in the highest esteem, we could not do Elliot justice without also speaking to his character. Elliot is the textbook example of one who can disagree without being disagreeable. He is unfailingly warm and generous with his time, making it a priority to assist others whether personally or professionally. More importantly, he is honest and trustworthy in all his dealings. He is not one to ever cut ethical corners, even in zealous advocacy.

We are confident that Elliot will approach his obligations to the Nation and to the Constitution of the United States with the utmost seriousness and professionalism. We are honored to support his nomination to lead the Office of Legal Counsel, and we respectfully urge his swift confirmation.

## Sincerely,

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