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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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**Re: Nomination of T. Elliot Gaiser to Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

We write today to express our support for the nomination of T. Elliot Gaiser to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel. All of us served as law clerks at the United States Supreme Court during October Term 2021, when Elliot clerked for Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Each of us signs this letter in a personal capacity, and not on behalf of any current or former employer.

We hold a diverse array of political and legal views, and have worked in a range of roles in public service, academia, nonprofits, and private practice. We are unified, however, in our belief that Elliot possesses not only the analytical talent, but also the character and judgment to serve his country in this important role.

As clerks, we worked very closely with Elliot, and grew to know him well as a legal thinker and as a professional colleague. Elliot stood out for his careful thinking and writing, his strong work ethic, and his humility and graciousness toward others. Whether we found ourselves agreeing or disagreeing on a legal matter, we never had a doubt as to his diligence, thoughtfulness, or integrity. Outside of our clerk-to-clerk interactions, we also share a great admiration for the way Elliot showed kindness and respect to everyone at the Supreme Court, including the entire Court staff. He was consistently measured in tone, generous with time, and treated others with grace and dignity.

Simply put, Elliot's legal acumen, professional temperament, and utmost integrity make him well suited to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel. We strongly support his nomination, and we are confident that he will be an asset to the Department of Justice and the United States.

Sincerely,

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