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Senator Charles Grassley
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter of Support for the Nomination of John Nalbandian to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

The undersigned members of the Executive Committee of the Greater Cincinnati Minority Counsel Program ("GCMCP") are proud to express our strong support for John Nalbandian's nomination to serve as a U.S. Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. John has the experience, intellectual capacity, integrity, and temperament to become an outstanding addition to the Sixth Circuit.

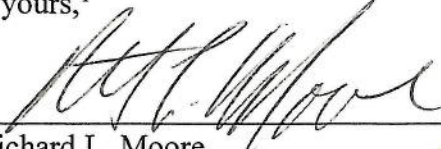
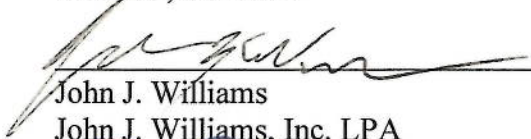
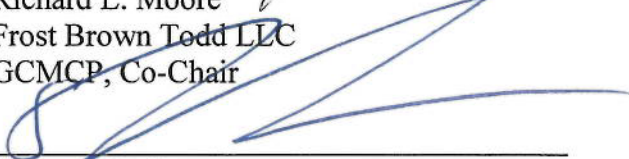
We have had the pleasure of serving with John as part of the GCMCP, where he currently serves as treasurer. The mission of the GCMCP is to increase the volume, value, and significance of corporate legal work managed, billed, and performed by minority attorneys by implementing a partnership among corporations, majority-owned law firms, minority-owned law firms, public sector, and charitable and educational organizations in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region. John has been unfailing in his work with the GCMCP and in helping it to achieve its mission and in its effort increase diversity and inclusiveness in the Greater Cincinnati legal community.

John is well-qualified to serve on the Sixth Circuit. As a member of the Taft law firm's Appellate practice group, John has focused his legal practice on appellate litigation in both state and federal courts. He has represented clients in a wide range of legal areas, including antitrust, products liability, intellectual property, environmental, employment, white collar crime and class actions. This extensive private practice experience will serve him well on the bench.

As we are sure you know from your review of John's background and qualifications, he is an Ohio State Bar Association Board Certified Specialist in Appellate Law, has been recognized annually since 2007 by Best Lawyers in America for his work in Appellate Law, and was named a 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for Cincinnati Appellate Practice. He has also served as a Special Justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court and is a frequent presenter on appellate practice.

We believe that in addition to his legal experience, intelligence, and temperament, John's commitment to the issues of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession make him uniquely qualified to serve on the Sixth Circuit and we are all proud to support John's nomination.

Very truly yours,¹


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