November 17, 2026

The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Re: Letter in Support of the Confirmation of Eric Hamilton to be a Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are former Department of Justice officials who write in our personal capacities to support the nomination of Eric Hamilton to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska.

Throughout his career, Mr. Hamilton has demonstrated the excellence and integrity we saw for ourselves as his colleagues. He graduated from Stanford Law School and was a member of the Stanford Law Review. After graduation, he served as a law clerk to distinguished Third Circuit Judge Thomas M. Hardiman. He first learned excellence in practice during the four years he spent as an associate at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington.

Mr. Hamilton has dedicated the rest of his career to public service. He served with distinction in the White House Counsel's Office, first as Deputy Associate and then as Associate Counsel to the President. He then spent years serving in state government, first as Assistant Solicitor General of Texas and then as Solicitor General of Nebraska, his home state. As Solicitor General, Mr. Hamilton defended and advanced the State's most important interests on behalf of the people of Nebraska.

Since 2025, he has served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Federal Programs Branch in the Civil Division at the Department of Justice. In this role, Mr. Hamilton has supervised the legal defense of agencies and initiatives across the federal government. He has appeared with distinction in federal courts across the country and led the Branch's lawyers with tremendous legal acumen, energy, and integrity.

We have been privileged to see these qualities for ourselves in our work with Mr. Hamilton. He stands out not only for his excellence as a lawyer but for his generosity as a colleague. We are confident he will administer justice with honor and without respect to persons. We respectfully urge the Senate to confirm him swiftly.

Sincerely,

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