November 13, 2026

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

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Nomination of Eric Hamilton to Serve as U.S. District Judge for the District of Nebraska**

Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are former law clerks to Judge Thomas M. Hardiman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. We write to express our strong and enthusiastic support for the nomination of our friend and fellow former clerk to Judge Hardiman, Eric Hamilton, to serve as a U.S. District Judge for the District of Nebraska. Eric clerked for Judge Hardiman after graduating from Stanford Law School, and many of us have had the privilege of knowing and working alongside him in the years since. We come from a range of personal and professional backgrounds, and yet we all believe Eric will be an exceptional trial judge. We urge the Committee and the Senate to vote in favor of his nomination.

Eric's significant professional accomplishments speak for themselves. He is a sixth-generation Nebraskan, raised in Omaha, who earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and began law school at the University of Nebraska College of Law before completing his J.D. at Stanford Law School, where he served on the *Stanford Law Review*. After law school, Eric clerked for Judge Hardiman and then practiced law for several years at Williams & Connolly, one of the nation's premier litigation firms, where his practice focused on complex civil and appellate matters. He later served as Associate Counsel to the President in the Office of the White House Counsel during President Trump's first term. He then joined the Texas Attorney General's Office as an Assistant Solicitor General, where he primarily handled appellate litigation.

In March 2023, Eric continued his commitment to public service when he returned home to become Nebraska's Solicitor General. In that role, he served as the state's chief civil appellate lawyer, responsible for litigating civil appeals before the Supreme Court of the United States, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and the Nebraska appellate courts, and for overseeing the state's amicus filings in appellate courts across the country. Since 2025, he has served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Federal Programs Branch of the Department of Justice's Civil Division, which defends the federal government in litigation across the country.

In addition to being an accomplished lawyer, Eric is personally well suited to the role of a trial court judge. He has an outstanding character and a reputation for trustworthiness, integrity, and sound judgment in all that he does. Those of us who have worked with Eric or served with him in government roles know that he is a careful lawyer and tireless worker who meticulously weighs the relevant facts and legal arguments before reaching conclusions. Personally, he is warm, engaging, and humble, and he has a reputation for treating both his colleagues and professional opponents with courtesy and respect. We have no doubt he will bring these same qualities to the bench if he is confirmed.

Eric has deep roots in Nebraska, and his career reflects a selfless commitment to public service and to the institutions of law. He would bring to the District of Nebraska an uncommon combination of intellect, experience, judgment, character, and devotion to the Constitution and the rule of law. We are proud to support him and respectfully urge the Committee and the Senate to vote in favor of his confirmation.

We each sign this letter in our individual capacities and not on behalf of any current or former employer. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Brian C. Rabbitt (2009-2010)
Charles E.T. Roberts (2018-2019)
Tyler A. Dobbs (2023-2024)
Kamila Lis-Coghlan (2011-2012)
Mark Zheng (2012-2013)
Joshua Hanley (2021-2022)
Charles E. Power (2025-2026)
John C. Snyder (2007-08)
Dana Gotfryd (2022-2023)
Peter J. McGinley (2019-2020)
Cole Wintheiser (2020-2021)
John M Robinson (2015-2016)
Hon. Scott W. Brady (2003-2004)
Michael Todisco (2016-2017)
Jeffrey C. Thalhofer (2018-2019)
Adam R. Tarosky (2007-2008)
James Nelson (2016-2017)
Samantha Fang (2013-2014)
Shelby Baird Smith (2018-2019)
Noah Weiss (2012-2013)
A.J. Kritikos (2014-2015)
Laura Wolk Slavis (2017-2018)