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Re: Confirmation of Michael Hendershot to be United States District Judge for the
Northern District of Ohio

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I have the distinct pleasure of recommending Michael J. Hendershot to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. During my tenure on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Mr. Hendershot has appeared frequently before the Court on behalf of the Ohio Attorney General. I have been consistently impressed with his outstanding professionalism, high level of legal acumen, and practice of actively giving back to the legal community.

As pillars of our judicial system, judges must be held to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity. I have observed Mr. Hendershot take great care to abide by these standards, both in his performance before the Court, and as a member of the larger legal community.

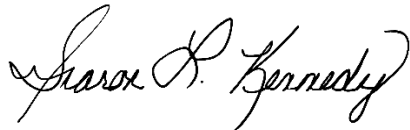
As an advocate before the Court, Mr. Hendershot has exemplified time and again his legal expertise, evidenced through his skillful legal analysis and extraordinary ability to effectively communicate—qualities that are paramount to being a judge. He is a clear

and cogent writer and remains professorial in tone even when under intense questioning in oral argument.

Beyond his personal skill as an attorney, Mr. Hendershot actively gives back to the legal community by undertaking to teach other lawyers the art of effective oral advocacy. He has done so through interactive presentations combining a traditional seminar style with real-world examples taken from video of live Supreme Court of Ohio oral arguments.

In conclusion, Mr. Hendershot possesses the requisite character, experience, skillset, and demeanor to make him a true credit to the judiciary and an exceptional choice for a federal district judgeship. Therefore, it is without hesitation that I enthusiastically and confidently recommend him for appointment to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon L. Kennedy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Sharon L. Kennedy
Chief Justice

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cc: File

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During my time on the Court, Michael has regularly appeared before the Ohio Supreme Court in his role as Chief Deputy Solicitor General. I can say that Michael is one of the finest advocates that appear before this Court. He is an excellent writer also. His briefs are models of clarity, well researched, and exceptionally well-reasoned. Michael's skills as an oral advocate are unmatched. He is always exceptionally well prepared and able to respond to the most difficult and obscure questions from the bench.

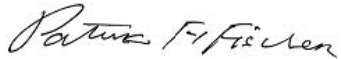
He also participated in the Supreme Court Rules of Practice committee I chaired and offered tremendous input.

I can also report from my experiences that Michael exhibits qualities that will make an excellent judge: integrity, good judgment, and a commitment to absolute fairness. He has an excellent legal mind and a strong work ethic.

Also noteworthy is Michael's commitment to helping educate other attorneys and to improving the quality of advocacy in our state. I know this first-hand because I have had the opportunity to work with Michael on a regular series of continuing legal education events that he organizes for the bar associations to teach skills in appellate advocacy. I've also had the opportunity to work with him as a colleague judge adjudicating moot court competitions for young people too.

In my opinion, Michael would be a strong addition to the bench and would serve the United States and the State of Ohio well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick F. Fischer".

Patrick F. Fischer
Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

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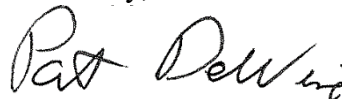
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Sincerely,



Justice Pat DeWine

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Re: Confirmation of Michael Hendershot to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I write to recommend Michael Hendershot for nomination, appointment and confirmation for United States District Judge. I am a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, having been elected in 2020 and serving since January 2, 2021.

I have observed and interacted with Michael Hendershot in oral argument before my court, Ohio's highest court and additionally have partnered with him in providing continuing legal education for the Columbus Bar Association in Columbus, Ohio. From firsthand experience I can say with confidence that Michael has served ably as Chief Deputy Solicitor General for Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost in both of the capacities in which I have had the opportunity to work with him.

I highly recommend Michael Hendershot to you. I believe he will serve ably and exceptionally as a U.S. District Court judge. He is respectful, thorough, prepared and caring in his work in Ohio's legal community. Mr. Hendershot is an excellent example of what caretakers of the rule of law need to do and whom they should be to engender confidence in the judicial branch of our democratic system of government.

We at the Ohio Supreme Court will miss his leadership among his colleagues and his courteousness, skills as an appellate advocate, respectfulness and intellect. Yet, I for one would be happy for him and delighted to see these traits applied in the federal judiciary, knowing that Ohio will continue to benefit from his service in a new capacity.

I hope this letter gives you and your colleagues confidence in moving his nomination forward in Ohio. Thank you for your time in considering my recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Brunner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Brunner
Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio

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Re: Confirmation of Michael J. Hendershot, United States District Judge for the
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I write in strong support of Michael Hendershot's nomination to serve as a United States District Judge.

Since January 2023, I have served as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio. During that time, Mr. Hendershot appeared before me—and the Court—in his capacity as Chief Deputy Solicitor General. I was already well aware of his reputation as an exemplary attorney and consummate professional, and his courtroom advocacy consistently confirmed that assessment.

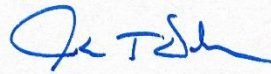
I was, however, particularly impressed by Mr. Hendershot's calm and confident courtroom presence, as well as his exceptional skill as an oral advocate. He consistently delivered well-reasoned arguments, responded thoughtfully and precisely to questioning, and demonstrated thorough preparation in matters before the Court. He is, quite simply, one of the finest advocates to appear before us.

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman
The Honorable Dick Durbin, Ranking Member
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Based on his legal acumen, professionalism, and sound judgment, I am confident that Michael J. Hendershot will be an excellent judge. I highly recommend Mr. Hendershot for appointment as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Sincerely,



Joseph T. Deters
Justice, Ohio Supreme Court

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I write concerning Michael Hendershot's nomination for United States District Judge. I am a Justice on the Ohio Supreme Court and have served in that position since December 2024.

I have only been on the Court for two years, yet during that time Michael has frequently appeared before the Ohio Supreme Court in his role as Chief Deputy Solicitor General. I can confidently say that Michael is one of the best advocates that appear before the Court. As an oral advocate, he is highly articulate, meticulously prepared, and adept at addressing even the most challenging questions from the bench.

Additionally, I was aware of Michael's reputation well before my time on this Court, as it clearly precedes him. He is widely regarded as an individual of considerable intellect and diligence. He possesses the qualities requisite for an excellent judge, including integrity and an unwavering commitment to fairness.

In my assessment, Michael would be a strong addition to the bench and would serve the United States and the State of Ohio well.

Sincerely,


Justice Daniel R. Hawkins

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April 21, 2026

To the Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary:

I am pleased to offer my strong recommendation for Mike Hendershot for appointment as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. Mr. Hendershot brings to this opportunity substantial experience, exceptional leadership, and a clear commitment to disciplined public service.

Mr. Hendershot has practiced in front of me multiple times since I joined the bench of the Supreme Court of Ohio. In all instances, he has exemplified skill, intelligence, and talent in his approach to litigation. His past and current responsibilities not only demonstrate his readiness for the federal role, but also underscore the judgment, decisiveness, and respect expected of a federal district judge.

Equally important, Mr. Hendershot has consistently contributed to the profession through teaching and community engagement. He is widely regarded as prepared, even-tempered, and professional in all settings—qualities essential to the fair and efficient administration of justice.

In my judgment, Mr. Hendershot fully meets and exceeds the qualifications for a United States District Judge. He possesses the legal ability, judicial temperament and character, administrative skill, and commitment to public service required for this demanding position. I have complete confidence that he will serve with the utmost competence and integrity. I recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely,



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