

April 24, 2026

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

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

Re: Letter of Support for the Nomination of Michael Hendershot to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

The undersigned are past and present Simon Karas Fellows. The Karas Fellowship is a yearlong role as deputy in the Office of the Ohio Solicitor General. We have different careers, different political and social affiliations, and different interests. But we are alike in at least one way: We would not be where we are without the example and mentorship of Mike Hendershot.

While Mike's legal acumen is impeccable, his character distinguishes him most. Humility, integrity and discipline are Mike's defining qualities. He always leads by example. Mike's patient disposition and encyclopedic legal knowledge guided us in performing our responsibilities of the fellowship. And as a devoted husband, loving father, and generous mentor, Mike's way of being is a beacon to us personally and professionally. We all aspire to be more like Mike.

Mike's legal practice has been exceptional. We know no Ohio practitioner who knows the law better, writes clearer, or argues as fluently in open court. Mike has used his elite talents to serve Ohioans every day for the last 15 years. He is not a plaintiff's or defense attorney because his clients are both. And Mike is the rare expert in both criminal and civil law in the state and federal systems. He is uniquely qualified to be an Article III judge.

Mike has been the consummate public servant to the State of Ohio. We urge his confirmation to the United States District Court because we are certain that the highest and best use of Mike's ability is serving his community, his State, and his Country as a judge.

Sincerely,

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