

April 24, 2026

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

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
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Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Support from the Ohio legal community for Michael J. Hendershot to be confirmed as a judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are all lawyers in the State of Ohio who encourage you to confirm Mike Hendershot's nomination to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

We are a varied group. Some of us practice criminal law, as prosecutors or defense counsel. Some of us are civil litigators, with mostly plaintiff-oriented practices or defense-oriented practices, in private and public law, employment law, commercial and corporate law, and more. Most of us are litigators, but some of us are transactional lawyers. We have varied political views along with varied careers. We all share the common desire to have judges with both the intelligence to find the right legal answer and the integrity to *want* to find the right answer. We all agree that Mike Hendershot has both.

We are familiar with Mike in different ways, and we have all come to appreciate his legal acumen and his integrity. Most of us are lawyers who have worked with Mike on particular cases. Some of us are, or have been, his colleagues in the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Some worked with him in private practice before he returned to public service. Some of us worked with him as a co-party in the same case, and some of us have been opposing counsel.

Some of us have litigated both with and against Mike. Some of us know him best by reputation. All of us know Mike to be an excellent legal advocate with a stellar reputation for honesty and integrity, knowledge and ability, creativity and craft.

Those of us who practice in the Northern District are assured that our cases, and our clients' interests, will be reviewed carefully, thoughtfully, and honestly by a future Judge Hendershot. We encourage you to confirm Mike Hendershot to serve as a district judge in the Northern District of Ohio.

Sincerely,

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