



April 25, 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
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support from present and past clients of Michael Hendershot in favor of his confirmation to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are a group of present and past public servants for the State of Ohio, and we have all been clients who have appreciated having Mike Hendershot as our advocate and counselor. Some of us are, or have been, in-house counsel to State agencies and State officers; others serve, or have served, as cabinet directors or managers in State agencies. All of us have relied on Mike Hendershot's wise counsel, and we all encourage you to confirm Mike to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

As state officers and counsel, we are represented in court by the Ohio Attorney General's office. We often have assigned counsel, and Mike joins the team for our most important cases. Whether it is seeking advice or needing representation in court, we are always happy to know that Mike is there for us. In fact, many of us have been known to call the office and ask for Mike to be added to a case, or to ask our assigned counsel to get another opinion from Mike. We know that he can be counted on for legal knowledge, creativity in arguments or finding solutions, and a steadfast commitment to honesty and serving the public interest.

Because Mike puts the law and integrity first, he provides the best advice possible, even when we may initially disagree. He fairly and accurately assesses the strengths and weaknesses of a case, of an individual argument, or the use of precedent. Significantly, Mike does not avoid tough conversations that require candid advice. Mike provides well-reasoned arguments and exhibits sound

judgment. Even when legal advice is difficult to hear, we know that if it is coming from Mike, it is solid.

Those of us currently in public service will be sad to lose Mike as our counselor and advocate. But we will be thrilled for our loss to be a gain for the federal judiciary and for America.

Please vote to confirm Mike as a district judge.

Sincerely,



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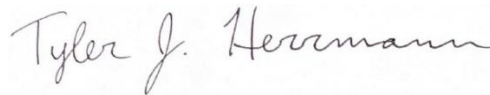
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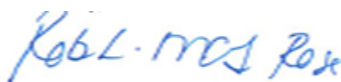
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