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

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

Re: Letter of support for Michael Hendershot's judicial nomination to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

The undersigned Attorneys General collectively write to express our strong support for the nomination of Michael Hendershot to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Mr. Hendershot's extensive legal experience, unwavering commitment to public service, and dedication to justice make him an outstanding candidate for this important judicial position.

Mr. Hendershot earned his Bachelor of Arts from Ohio Wesleyan University, followed by a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia. His educational background laid a strong foundation for a distinguished legal career. During his law school summers, he honed his skills as an associate at two prominent law firms – Jones Day and Baker Hostetler.

After completing his legal education, Mr. Hendershot clerked for Judge Jerry Smith on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. This prestigious clerkship provided him with invaluable insights into the appellate process and the functioning of the federal judiciary. Following his clerkship, he joined Brown & Bain, P.A., where he served as an associate, and later, he had the honor of clerking for Justice Terrence O'Donnell on the Ohio Supreme Court.

Mr. Hendershot continued in private practice as an associate at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, further developing his litigation skills and understanding of complex legal matters. In 2011, he was appointed chief deputy solicitor general at the Ohio Attorney General's Office, a role that he currently holds. Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated exceptional legal acumen, consistently representing the state with integrity and professionalism. Moreover, he served as an

adjunct professor of appellate advocacy at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, showcasing his commitment to mentoring the next generation of attorneys.

Michael Hendershot would bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the bench. His diverse experiences across various legal settings, including private practice, government service, and academia, have equipped him with a unique perspective that will inform his judicial decision-making. He possesses an astute understanding of the law and a deep appreciation for the principles of justice and fairness. Moreover, his ability to communicate effectively and empathetically with a diverse range of individuals will enable him to connect with litigants and attorneys alike. We strongly support his nomination and urge you to give him your utmost consideration.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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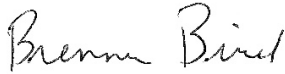
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