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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
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

***Re: Letter of support for Whitney Hermandorfer to be a Circuit Judge on
the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit***

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We the undersigned 24 Attorneys General write in strong support of President Trump's nomination of Whitney Hermandorfer to be a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Whitney currently serves as the Director of Strategic Litigation for our colleague, Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti. Our offices have worked closely with Whitney, and we can attest to her brilliance, work ethic, and unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

We witnessed these qualities firsthand when litigating with Whitney against the Biden Administration. Whitney led many of these cases of national significance and provided much of the intellectual firepower that allowed us to protect the people we serve. For example, Whitney was one of the lead attorneys to challenge President Biden's rewrite of Title IX, which would have allowed biological boys into girls' sports, bathrooms, and locker rooms. In that fast-moving case, Whitney filed a brief in the district court, a brief in the Sixth Circuit, and a brief in the United States Supreme Court in less than two weeks. Her tireless efforts paid off. Along with attorneys from our offices, Whitney convinced the Supreme Court to unanimously hold that the key

parts of that rule could not be enforced.¹ And she led a successful effort before a Kentucky district court to vacate the rule once and for all²—a decision that President Trump decided not to appeal after taking office.

Whitney's many successes in court are unsurprising given her singularly impressive background. After graduating first in her law school class, she clerked for a third of the Supreme Court—first for then-Judge Kavanaugh on the D.C. Circuit and then for Justices Alito and Barrett. With those three Justices as her model, we have no doubt that Whitney will be an outstanding Circuit Judge on the Sixth Circuit. Beyond her many accomplishments, Whitney's humility and good nature will serve her well on the bench as a predictor of judicial temperament—just as those traits have made her a treasured colleague to many in our offices.

Although our offices will miss working with Whitney, our loss is the nation's gain. We urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Whitney.

Sincerely,



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¹ *Dep't of Educ. v. Louisiana*, 603 U.S. 866 (2024) (per curiam).

² *Tennessee v. Cardona*, 762 F. Supp. 3d 615 (E.D. Ky. 2025).



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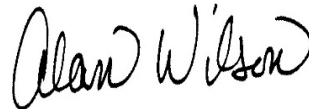
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bridget Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

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