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STATE OF TENNESSEE

May 19, 2025

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

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 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:

I am pleased to support President Trump's nominee Whitney Hermandorfer for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Tennesseans are proud to call Whitney one of our own, not only as a Tennessee native, but also as a champion for Tennessee's values.

In her work on behalf of Tennessee, Whitney has demonstrated her commitment to federalism, which remains as important today as it was at our nation's founding. States like Tennessee continue to lead the nation by example in policy areas of all sorts. Whitney understands that our democracy is stronger when federalism is preserved, because when States flourish, America does, too.

Whitney's effectiveness stems from her ability to balance fundamental legal principles with practical solutions. Her multi-faceted approach to the legal challenges of our time has enabled her to bring together diverse stakeholders to defend Tennessee's priorities like State autonomy and pro-family initiatives.

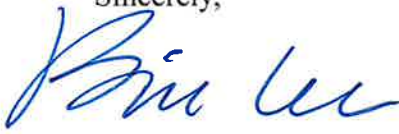
Whitney understands how state government works. Her hands-on experience with the Executive Branch will benefit her judicial analyses and provide meaningful insights to her colleagues. Whitney's practical knowledge about state government will help her discern the

appropriate role of government in any given case: accomplishing the will of the people, while guarding against overreach.

Finally, Whitney's work for Tennessee is made possible by her heart for public service. You and I understand what it takes to devote ourselves to representing our communities, and I see in Whitney that same passion for using her gifts to serve her fellow Americans.

Tennessee is proud to send one of our finest to you for consideration, and I encourage the Senate to promptly confirm Whitney to the Sixth Circuit bench.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Lee", with a stylized, cursive script.

Bill Lee  
Governor