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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Ryan D. Nelson to be Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals
for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write in strong support of the nomination of Ryan D. Nelson to be a circuit judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. As Ryan's colleagues in the Idaho Bar, who represent a wide range of political views, we believe Ryan to be an excellent choice to serve as a judge.

Ryan has extensive experience that qualifies him for the work of the Ninth Circuit. As a native Idahoan, Ryan understands the many legal issues that affect Idaho and the West in general—the territory served by the Ninth Circuit. Ryan's experience at the Senate Judiciary Committee, the White House, the Department of Justice, and in private practice has provided him with exceptional skills and knowledge regarding appellate litigation and the role of the courts. Most importantly, Ryan has the judgment, legal acumen, integrity, and temperament necessary to succeed in the role of a judge.

In short, we believe that Ryan will serve well and fulfill the duties of the office to which he has been nominated with skill, honor, and faithful adherence to the rule of law. As such, and mindful of the important role the Senate plays in the confirmation of nominees, we urge the Members of the Committee and the Senate to approve Ryan's nomination to be a circuit judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Sincerely,

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