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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

RE: Nomination of Jonathan Kobes for the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

I am writing to kindly request your strong consideration of Jonathan Kobes for the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. As the Attorney General and former United States Attorney for South Dakota, I believe Jonathan has the ability to handle complex legal matters and the necessary judicial temperament to serve as a respected member of our Eighth Circuit Federal Judiciary. Jonathan is a good friend that I have enjoyed working with and adversely to during his tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office. I have also had the pleasure of working with him on matters in the private sector and while he has served with Senator Mike Rounds. Jonathan has always demonstrated the highest ethics and his broad grasp of many legal subjects will make him a valuable asset to the Court.

Jonathan is personable, fair, conscientious and has a sharp legal mind. He has a diverse background in the private and public sector which makes him an ideal nominee. While serving at the United States Attorney's Office, he always

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demonstrated strong courtroom civility and respect for victims and their families. I believe with these qualities, he will serve the public honorably and with distinction.

I appreciate your consideration of Jonathan, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty J. Jackley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marty J. Jackley
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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