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The Hon. Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

The Hon. Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

I write to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of Gregory Katsas to serve as a Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. During my tenure as Attorney General, it was my great privilege to work with Greg when he headed the Civil Division and argued many of the most difficult and challenging cases the Department faced at that time. Greg worked tirelessly to defend the interests of the United States in court—whether those positions were popular or unpopular, and whatever his personal views about them may have been.

I had the opportunity to observe Greg's leadership of the Civil Division, as well as his service in other senior positions at the Justice Department. During that time, I saw firsthand how he treated everyone with respect. I also recall Greg's admiration for the career lawyers in the Justice Department, and saw that this was returned in full measure by their admiration for him.

Greg's career, including his Supreme Court clerkship and his service in senior positions at the Justice Department, as well as his success in private practice, attests to his legal skill. However, it is Greg's character, temperament and virtue that most set him apart, and that suit him to serve as a Circuit Judge. There are many smart lawyers in Washington, and probably many nice ones. But I know of no others who have Greg's unique combination of legal skill coupled with humility, integrity, and good judgment.

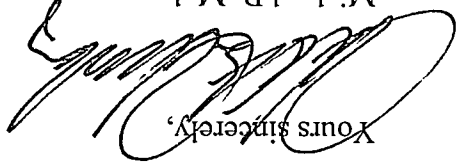
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Having seen many judges up close – and even been one – I can say without hesitation that Greg has the qualities that make for a great judge.

If there is any further information I can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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