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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Minority Member, Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I write in support of the nomination of Gregory G. Katsas to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Greg and I served together in the Justice Department when I was Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, and he was a Deputy to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. Greg is immensely qualified to serve as a federal court of appeals judge.

Greg worked for eight or so years in the Justice Department, culminating in the Senate's unanimous confirmation of him to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. The Justice Department subsequently bestowed on him the Edmund Randolph award for outstanding service. He has also had a distinguished career in private practice, and in the Office of the Counsel to the President.

In my dealings with Greg in the Justice Department, he displayed an extraordinary intelligence and extraordinary thoughtfulness as well. You can tell a lot about person's disposition toward the rule of law by the attitude he or she takes towards law and legal interpretation behind closed doors in the Executive branch. In my dealings with Greg, he displayed an unusual and impressive fidelity to the law that I am confident will make him a thoughtful, fair-minded judge. He also carried himself with modesty and kindness, qualities that will also serve him well as a judge.

For these reasons, I urge you to confirm Greg as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Sincerely,