

October 12, 2017

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  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write in support of the nomination of Gregory Katsas to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. All of us have worked with Greg or litigated against him in the Supreme Court or federal courts of appeals, or are otherwise familiar with his work. We hold a broad range of policy and jurisprudential views, but are united in our view, based on our experience and knowledge of Greg's work, that he is highly qualified to serve on the D.C. Circuit.

Greg is an exceptionally talented lawyer with a first-rate intellect and sound judgment. He possesses all the qualities one would hope for in a judge: principled, thoughtful, fair-minded and hard-working. His character is beyond reproach and he treats colleagues and adversaries courteously, calmly, and with an open mind. Greg has had an extraordinarily exceptional career in public and private practice. In public service, Greg clerked on the United States Supreme Court, served in a number of important positions in the Justice Department and currently serves in the Office of Counsel to the President. Most notably, he was unanimously confirmed as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division during the George W. Bush Administration and received the prestigious Edmund Randolph award for outstanding service at the Justice Department.

In private practice at Jones Day and at the Justice Department, Greg has argued cases in every federal appellate court and in the Supreme Court. While many of these cases involved controversial and difficult legal issues, Greg's advocacy was not only analytically brilliant, but reflected unwavering courtesy and respect for adversaries and the judicial system.

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For these reasons, Greg is uniformly recognized and respected throughout the legal community for his character and fair-minded devotion to the rule of law. We believe he will be an excellent addition to the D.C. Circuit and urge his confirmation.

Sincerely,

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