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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Nomination of Mark J. Bennett to be a United States Circuit Judge
for the Ninth Circuit**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am writing in support of Mark J. Bennett upon his nomination as a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. I have known Mark for over 25 years both as a friend and as a fellow partner at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon. Through those years, I have never ceased to be amazed by the depth of his intellect, professional commitment and strong sense of justice. His legal career spans the federal, state and private sectors as law clerk to former judge Samuel King of the U.S. District Court, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Attorney General of the State of Hawaii, and his reputation is as a top private firm litigator in the State of Hawaii. His career is a public example of his devotion to public service and the wide recognition and respect by his peers for his excellence in the law.

I was privileged to be a partner with him at McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon and I can unreservedly say that Mark was the legal powerhouse in our litigation department. In addition, he consistently maintained a high standard of honesty, integrity and justice in all matters including his personal affairs. Mark was someone you could always rely on to make a fair decision even when the decision could be controversial. Mark will be an excellent addition to the federal appellate bench and I can say with absolutely no hesitation that we in Hawaii fully support Mark to be a Circuit Court Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Very truly yours,



Eric Kawatani