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

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of William Grayson Lambert to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of William Grayson Lambert to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. I have known Grayson for many years, both personally and professionally, and believe he possesses the intellect, temperament, integrity, and judgment that are essential to the work of a federal district judge.

My relationship with Grayson and his family goes back many years. His father and I served together on the Board of Governors of the South Carolina Bar, and he succeeded me as President of the Bar in 2007. Through that relationship, I have come to know Grayson and his parents extremely well and have had the pleasure of watching Grayson develop into the extraordinarily talented lawyer he has become.

The qualities that distinguish Grayson as a lawyer, and that I believe will serve him well on the federal bench, first became apparent to me when he was a young associate at the McNair Law Firm, now Burr & Forman. We represented co-defendants in a complicated and hotly contested commercial matter that had been pending for years before Grayson joined the firm. Although relatively new to the case, Grayson was entrusted by his partner with preparing the brief and presenting oral argument on a major dispositive motion.

I remember that argument vividly. Grayson displayed an exceptional command of the facts and law, but what impressed me most was his poise, clarity of thought, and ability to address difficult questions with a maturity rarely seen in a lawyer of his experience. On the ride home following the argument, my colleague and I discussed how impressed we both were with his performance. We remarked that he seemed to possess wisdom well beyond his years. That observation has stayed with me, and everything I have seen of Grayson since has reinforced that early impression.

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Grayson's academic credentials speak for themselves. He was a Jefferson Scholar at the University of Virginia and a Mordecai Scholar at Duke University School of Law, where he graduated magna cum laude and served as an Executive Editor of the Duke Law Journal. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Dennis Shedd on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He has since developed substantial experience in complex litigation and appellate advocacy, both in private practice and in his service as legal counsel to Governor Henry McMaster. He is also an exceptionally capable legal writer, as his numerous scholarly publications demonstrate.

As impressive as those credentials are, I believe Grayson's personal qualities are equally important. He is unfailingly courteous, thoughtful, and respectful of others. He listens carefully; exercises sound judgment and conducts himself with the professionalism and civility that should characterize our legal system. These qualities are particularly important in a trial judge, whose decisions profoundly affect the lives and interests of the people who appear before the court. Grayson has also demonstrated a genuine commitment to service beyond the demands of his practice. His leadership in the South Carolina Bar, including his service as Chair of its Trial and Appellate Advocacy Council, reflects his dedication to the legal profession. His involvement in his church and community further reflects the character and sense of responsibility that I have come to admire.

Over the course of my career, I have had the opportunity to work with and appear before many fine lawyers and judges. That experience has taught me that intellectual ability and legal knowledge, while indispensable, are only part of what makes an excellent judge. Equally important are humility, patience, fairness, sound judgment, and the ability to treat everyone who enters the courtroom with dignity and respect. In my experience, Grayson has consistently demonstrated these qualities.

I offer my support for Grayson's nomination enthusiastically and without reservation. I believe he will bring distinction to the federal judiciary and serve the people of South Carolina and our nation with honor. I respectfully urge the Committee to give his nomination favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Bradish J. Waring