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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 write in strong support of the nomination of William Grayson Lambert to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. I have served as United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina since April 2025. For more than eleven years before that, I served as Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections, and in that role I worked closely with Grayson for nearly four years.

During Grayson's service in the Office of the Governor, including as Chief Deputy Legal Counsel and Senior Litigation Counsel, the Department and the Governor were frequently named as co-defendants in litigation, from constitutional challenges to state statutes to claims concerning the operation of our prisons. Grayson represented the Governor in those cases, and our legal teams regularly worked hand in hand. He was consistently prepared, mastering complex records quickly, identifying the decisive issue and writing with clarity and precision.

What impressed me most, however, was his judgment. Corrections litigation is difficult and often urgent, and it demands counsel who can evaluate all sides of an issue and provide candid assessments of legal issues and legal risk. Without exception, Grayson provided capable counsel in this regard. He was not only a vigorous advocate, but he was also unfailingly fair and courteous to opposing counsel in the process.

My office appears before the District Court every day, and I know what that Court asks of its judges: a heavy docket, careful attention to the record, and evenhanded treatment of every party, from the United States to the pro se litigant. Grayson has intellect, work ethic, temperament, and integrity to meet those demands. I respectfully urge the Committee to report his nomination favorably and the Senate to confirm him without delay.

Sincerely,

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