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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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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 am honored to write in strong support of the nomination of Grayson Lambert to serve as a United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. Mr. Lambert is an exceptionally gifted lawyer, and what sets him apart is the way he pairs that talent with steady judgment, genuine humility, and a deep respect for the rule of law.

Mr. Lambert's credentials speak for themselves. A *magna cum laude* graduate of Duke Law and former Executive Editor of the *Duke Law Journal*, he clerked for Judge Dennis W. Shedd on the Fourth Circuit and became a partner at Burr & Forman. As Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Henry McMaster, he has handled some of South Carolina's most consequential legal matters, including before the United States Supreme Court. That work demands sharp analysis and a calm temperament under pressure, and Mr. Lambert has consistently shown both.

I had the opportunity to work directly with Mr. Lambert both while I served as Chief Counsel to Governor Brian Kemp in Georgia as well as after I joined Troutman Pepper Locke. As a litigator, I can confirm Mr. Lambert's temperament, analysis of issues, and dedication to the law are all well suited for the judiciary. As a fellow member of the bar, I consider Mr. Lambert a consummate professional in all his dealings and believe he is a credit to the profession.

Just as importantly, Mr. Lambert is a person of uncommon character and quiet integrity. He serves as a deacon at his church, teaches Sunday school, and coaches youth basketball. He listens carefully, treats everyone with kindness and respect, and approaches opposing views with an open mind. I have no doubt he will give every litigant a fair hearing and decide each case impartially and according to the law.

Mr. Lambert has the intellect, experience, temperament, and integrity we hope for in a federal judge. It is a privilege to recommend him, and I respectfully urge the Senate to confirm him without delay.

Best regards,



David B. Dove