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

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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RE: Support for the Nomination of Wm. Grayson Lambert to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I write to express my strong support for the nomination of Grayson Lambert to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. Grayson is exceptionally qualified for the federal bench and will serve our Nation with distinction as a United States District Judge.

Grayson and I grew up and attended public schools together in Columbia, and I have known him for over two decades. From an early age, he excelled academically and was a standout student. After earning the distinction of class valedictorian at A.C. Flora High School, Grayson was awarded full scholarships to the University of Virginia and then Duke University School of Law, where he continued to shine and graduated with honors.

But Grayson's scholarly pursuits did not end there. An avid reader and lifelong learner, Grayson has published numerous articles in various law reviews and bar publications, providing meaningful contributions to legal and policy discussions on a host of important issues. While serving as Editor in Chief of the *South Carolina Law Review*, I had the honor of reviewing and selecting one of his timely articles for publication. It was not a difficult decision for our journal, and he was a true pleasure to work with at each step of the editing and publication process. That he continued to write while completing a judicial clerkship and working as an associate at a major law firm only underscores his genuine love for the law.

Clerking for the Honorable Dennis W. Shedd at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit shaped his career in many ways, but it also fostered Grayson's enthusiasm for practicing in federal court. I have seen firsthand the unique combination of skill and passion he brings to bear in each case. We have been co-counsel on numerous matters in state and federal

court—some of which have reached the Supreme Court of the United States—and mooted each other for several oral arguments. No matter the stakes or the issue, Grayson is always the most prepared attorney in the room and a true model of civility. Moreover, his briefs are always superb, reflecting the deep and thorough research he conducts, the tight legal analysis he demands of himself, an elevated yet approachable writing style, and keen attention to detail. Regardless of whether attorneys agree with his position, they always respect it.

Before joining my law firm, I clerked for another United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. I also had the honor of just recently completing my term as President of the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Through these experiences and my litigation practice, I've had the opportunity to work with and appear before most judges in the District of South Carolina. We are blessed to have an extremely talented federal bench in South Carolina, and I would stack it up against any district in the country. Still, I can say without hesitation that Grayson would only add to its quality and stellar reputation.

Grayson is not just a once-in-a-generation lawyer though. He is a wonderful person too. Guided by his deep faith, a firm moral compass, and an unwavering love for and devotion to his beautiful family, Grayson is a role model for all. Though only two years separate us, he certainly has been for me. It's hard for me to recall a time when I didn't call him to discuss a major case, an important issue facing our state, or personal news just to get his perspective and advice. Despite always juggling many things in his life, Grayson is unflappable and offers the steady hand you want to make tough decisions.

To that end, I can think of no greater guardian for the Constitution and the rule of law. I have every confidence that Grayson would approach each case with the open mind, impartiality, respect, thoughtfulness, and dedication expected of a United States District Judge. And the proof is in the pudding: he's had an accomplished career demonstrating his commitment to those tenets, irrespective of the hat he was wearing.

In short, Grayson has the intellect, temperament, leadership, and integrity to serve as a distinguished United States District Judge. For these reasons, I strongly urge the United States Senate to confirm Grayson without delay.

With highest regards, I am

Respectfully yours,



Vordman Carlisle Traywick, III

cc: The Honorable Tim Scott
The Honorable Darline Graham