



March 11, 2026

Senator Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senator Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Letter of Support for Katie Lane to be United States District Judge
for the District of Montana**

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, & Members of the Committee:

We write as 33 current and former state solicitors general and other senior staff to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of Katie Lane to the United States District Court for the District of Montana. Having worked with Ms. Lane during her service as a Deputy Solicitor General in Montana and in private practice, we have had the opportunity to observe firsthand her exceptional legal abilities, sound judgment, and unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

As state solicitors general and senior staff, we are regularly entrusted with complex, high-stakes litigation involving constitutional questions, federal statutory interpretation, and administrative law. In that capacity, we have seen Ms. Lane distinguish herself as a thoughtful and highly capable advocate. She brings to her work a rare combination of intellectual rigor, practical insight, and careful attention to detail—qualities essential for a federal district judge.

Ms. Lane's experience spans both public service and private practice at the highest levels. As a Deputy Solicitor General for the State of Montana, she played a leading role in significant appellate and trial-level litigation, often addressing novel and consequential legal questions. She has also served as senior litigation counsel at the Republican National Committee, where she handled complex and fast-moving disputes with professionalism and precision. Across these roles, she has demonstrated the ability to manage demanding caseloads, develop persuasive legal arguments, and engage effectively with courts and opposing counsel.

Her strong foundation in the law is further reflected in her distinguished clerkships. Ms. Lane clerked for Judge Timothy Tymkovich of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and for Judge Thomas Varlan of the United States District Court for the

Eastern District of Tennessee. These experiences provided her with invaluable insight into the judicial process and further honed her analytical skills, preparing her well for the responsibilities of the federal bench.

Equally important, Ms. Lane possesses the temperament essential for judicial service. She approaches each matter with fairness, open-mindedness, and respect for differing viewpoints. In our interactions with her, she has consistently demonstrated professionalism, collegiality, and a commitment to principled decision-making. She listens carefully, engages seriously with opposing arguments, and maintains composure in even the most challenging and high-pressure circumstances.

Based on our experience working with Ms. Lane in the demanding context of public-law litigation, we are confident that she has the intellect, experience, and judicial temperament necessary to serve with distinction as a United States District Judge. We strongly support her nomination and respectfully urge the Committee to confirm her.

Respectfully submitted,

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