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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 from 24 State Attorneys General 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, the undersigned State Attorneys General, write in strong support of the nomination of Katie Lane to serve as a United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

Ms. Lane is an exceptionally qualified nominee whose career reflects a deep commitment to the rule of law, intellectual rigor, and public service. Through our offices' work on complex, high-stakes litigation, we have had the opportunity to observe firsthand the caliber of lawyers best suited for the federal bench. Ms. Lane stands out among them. Her experience, judgment, and temperament make her superbly well-suited to serve as a federal district judge.

Ms. Lane has built an impressive record in complex and consequential litigation through her experience in both public service and national political litigation. As Deputy Solicitor General for the State of Montana, she has represented the State in significant appellate matters, addressing constitutional and administrative law questions with broad implications for state sovereignty and governance. In that role, she has been entrusted with advancing the State's most important legal positions, requiring not only deep knowledge of the law but also sound strategic judgment and the ability to present clear, persuasive arguments before appellate courts.

Ms. Lane has also served as Senior Litigation Counsel at the Republican National Committee, where she handled complex, high-profile litigation across multiple jurisdictions. In that capacity, she has been responsible for managing fast-moving cases involving election law, constitutional issues, and federal statutory

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interpretation—often under significant time constraints and public scrutiny. This experience further demonstrates her ability to navigate challenging legal landscapes, coordinate multi-forum litigation, and deliver precise and effective advocacy in matters of national importance.

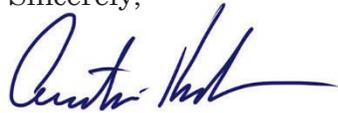
Ms. Lane also has a distinguished record of judicial clerkships. She clerked for Judge Timothy Tymkovich of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and for Judge Thomas Varlan of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. These clerkships provided her with both appellate and trial-level perspectives on the federal judiciary—an invaluable combination for a district court nominee. Through her service, Ms. Lane developed a sophisticated understanding of how judges evaluate complex legal questions, manage records, and apply governing law faithfully and impartially.

Equally important, Ms. Lane brings the temperament and professionalism that are indispensable to judicial service. Those who have worked with her consistently describe her as thoughtful, respectful, and even-handed. She engages seriously with competing arguments and treats colleagues and adversaries alike with courtesy and integrity. These qualities foster confidence in the fairness of judicial proceedings and are essential to maintaining public trust in the courts.

The District of Montana would be well served by a judge of Ms. Lane's caliber. Federal district judges play a critical role in our constitutional system, resolving disputes that directly affect the lives of our constituents. The position requires not only legal expertise but also diligence, efficiency, and a strong sense of responsibility. Ms. Lane's background demonstrates that she is prepared to meet these demands and to discharge the duties of the office with distinction.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Senate to give Ms. Lane's nomination prompt and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



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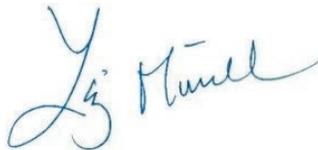
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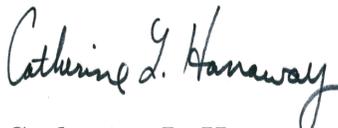
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