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The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Richard Durbin, Ranking Member
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RE: Support for Brian Lea and his Nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Durbin:

I write to express my strong support for the nomination of Brian Lea to serve as a United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. I live in the district, practice law in an in-house capacity, and lead the Memphis chapters of two national legal societies. I have had opportunity to get to know Mr. Lea, who grew up in this community. Based on his intellect, impressive background, and ability to mentor the law clerks who will work in his chambers, I am confident that his confirmation will well serve both our community as a whole and the bar in our district.

First, Mr. Lea clearly possesses the intellect to serve as a federal judge. He graduated first in his class at the University of Georgia School of Law where he also served as an articles editor for the *Georgia Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. After graduation, he received prestigious clerkships at the U.S. Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States where he learned from and was mentored by the country’s preeminent jurists. Additionally, his writings on the federal court have been published in several distinguished publications. Mr. Lea’s keen intellect, along with his natural curiosity, will serve him well as a judge as he addresses the varied and complex matters that will come before the court.


Second, Mr. Lea has a broad and deep background that will serve him well on the bench. In addition to clerking at the highest levels of our judiciary, he has worked in private practice at top law firms and in public service at the United States Department of Justice. Through these roles he has served as trial counsel and gained significant litigation experience spanning a wide range of substantive areas and numerous procedural issues. These experiences provide him with a solid foundation to run an effective chamber and tackle the issues arising in the courtroom.

Finally, and importantly for our community, Mr. Lea will have numerous opportunities to mentor law clerks and young attorneys who come through his chambers. Based on his impressive professional background, he can provide great guidance and practical advice to those at the start of and in their early years of practice. For those clerks who remain in our region they will undoubtedly strengthen the local bar and contribute meaningfully to the community.

For the reasons outlined above, I am confident that Mr. Lea will be an excellent jurist who will faithfully serve the court and strengthen our legal community. Therefore, I respectfully ask that you support his confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

Respectfully submitted,



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