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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of **John B. Nalbandian** to the
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I am pleased to submit this letter of recommendation in support of John Nalbandian. John is a friend and former law partner, and I urge you to consent to the President's nomination of John to serve as a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

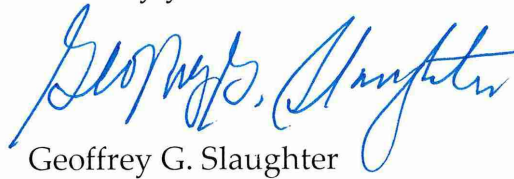
John has been a distinguished member of Ohio's appellate bar for many years. He is on a very short list of the most prominent, "go-to" appellate lawyers in the state. Throughout bench and bar, John is known for his keen intellect and excellent writing and oral-advocacy skills. He is a "lawyer's lawyer" who brings to his craft and our profession a dignity and civility that will suit him well as a member of a collegial court.

I have had the good fortune of knowing John for ten years—beginning as law partners at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP—John in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky

and I in Indianapolis. Although we worked out of different offices, I had the opportunity to work closely with John on many occasions and got to know him well. He is someone for whom I have enormous personal and professional respect. And I am confident that John, in turn, will show the kind of respect one expects of a life-tenured member of a federal appeals court: respect for the rule of law, respect for his colleagues on the bench, and respect for the lawyers and their clients who appear before him.

John is a wonderful choice to serve on the Sixth Circuit. He has the intellect, experience, and temperament to serve the court with great distinction. Thank you in advance for considering my letter in support of John's confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Geoffrey G. Slaughter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "G".

Geoffrey G. Slaughter