

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are graduates of Ave Maria School of Law who know Peter Mansfield from law school, professional life, or both. We write in strong and wholehearted support of his nomination to serve as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Several of us were members of Ave Maria School of Law's founding class alongside Peter. In that close-knit environment, we came to know one another's habits of preparation, judgment, and character unusually well. Peter stood out as intellectually serious, diligent, fair-minded, measured in his judgment, and deeply committed to the responsibilities of the legal profession.

Peter also distinguished himself through the quality of his work. He graduated magna cum laude, served as a Senior Editor of the Ave Maria Law Review, and earned recognition for oral advocacy. Those of us who studied alongside Peter remember not merely his academic accomplishments, but the way he approached legal questions: with care, thoughtfulness, intellectual humility, and evident respect for the law and for the people affected by it.

Those qualities have been reflected in Peter's professional life. For more than two decades, he has served in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana, including in significant leadership roles. His career reflects a sustained commitment to public service, legal excellence, and the rule of law. We were not surprised to see him recognized by the Federal Bar Association's New Orleans Chapter with its Professionalism Award. That recognition mirrors what we saw in him at Ave Maria School of Law.

We believe Peter has the intellect, experience, temperament, and character to serve as an outstanding federal district judge. We are confident that he would discharge the responsibilities of that office with integrity, diligence, fairness, and sound judgment. We respectfully and wholeheartedly support his confirmation.

Sincerely,

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