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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Peter Mansfield to serve as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. We have had the privilege of knowing Peter in a professional capacity, and we can attest without reservation that he possesses the intellect, temperament, and deep commitment to the rule of law that the federal bench demands.

Peter has devoted more than two decades of his career to public service as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Louisiana. Over the course of that distinguished tenure, he has demonstrated exceptional legal ability and leadership, rising through the ranks to serve as Chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office. He has also served as First Assistant U.S. Attorney, one of the highest leadership positions in the office. His career reflects not merely longevity, but a sustained record of increasing responsibility and the trust of his colleagues and superiors.

Peter's legal experience is both deep and broad. He has handled civil cases in both federal district and appellate courts. He supervised the office's financial litigation unit before being elevated to Deputy Chief and ultimately Chief of the Civil Division. He has also represented the United States Attorney General during federal naturalization proceedings, a role that reflects both the gravity of his work and his personal commitment to the institutions he serves.

Beyond his litigation practice, Peter has made meaningful contributions to the administration of justice and the broader legal community. In 2025, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana appointed him Vice Chair of its Lawyer Disciplinary Committee, a position of trust that speaks to the high regard in which he is held by the federal judiciary. He has also devoted his time to legal education and community outreach, including organizing Continuing Legal Education programs and participating in ethics panels on topics such as settlement and mediation.

Peter's nomination has been recognized as a well-deserved milestone by his alma mater, Ave Maria School of Law, where Dean John Czarnetzky praised him as "a

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testament to a career devoted to public service and the law". He was also recently honored as Jesuit High School of New Orleans's 2025–26 Archdiocesan Distinguished Alumnus, a recognition of his lifelong dedication to service, integrity, and the values instilled in him from a young age.

Peter's nomination carries the support of Louisiana's United States Senators, John Kennedy and Bill Cassidy. If confirmed, he would become one of several distinguished Jesuit High School alumni to serve on the federal bench, joining a tradition of principled judicial service in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

We are confident that Peter Mansfield will serve with distinction as a Federal District Judge. His two decades of federal litigation experience, his proven leadership, his commitment to the ethical practice of law, and his deep roots in the New Orleans legal community make him an outstanding choice for this position. We respectfully urge the Committee to advance his nomination.

Very truly yours,

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