

June 5, 2026

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I write to support President Donald J. Trump's nomination of Michael C. Martin to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. When I was appointed United States Attorney for the same district in May 2025, the first decision I made was to choose Mike to be Chief of the Criminal Division. It was also the best decision I made. Mike is a public servant of the highest order.

Mike has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney in this office for 18 years. He has excelled in every role. As a trial attorney, Mike secured some of our most important convictions in national security and violent crime. He helped convict an Al-Qaeda terrorist who attempted to kill everyone on a plane by igniting the bomb in his pants. He tried and convicted an Al-Qaeda terrorist who battled American troops in Syria and Iraq. And he did the same for two career criminals who plotted to kill an ATF agent in Detroit.

In recognition of his talent, Mike has been promoted into leadership across administrations. He has been the Chief of the National Security Unit, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, and Executive Assistant United States Attorney. And for the past year as Chief of the Criminal Division, Mike has led the turnaround of our Criminal Division. He has strengthened crucial interagency cooperation, eliminated bureaucracy, and empowered prosecutors to better protect our communities. As a result of his work, prosecutions are up and crimes are down.

In all this, Mike has served this Nation and our office with impeccable integrity. And he has done so in humility and with good humor. For these reasons, Mike is a beloved colleague and mentor. If confirmed, Mike will be a great loss for our office. But he will be a greater gain for our bench.

I am also compelled to briefly address certain unsourced claims on the Alliance for Justice website (<https://afj.org/>) concerning Mike's work in our office. These claims deserve nothing more.

As United States Attorney, I am the chief federal law enforcement officer and executive of our office. In contrast to the author of these speculative claims about Mike, ("likely," "almost certainly would have," "seems to have"), I supervise him and know his work. These claims are irresponsible and false.

First, Mike was not involved in any employment or other decision regarding prosecutors for their alleged misconduct related to the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. Second, President Trump's January 2025 pardons relating to the FACE Act occurred more than three months before I was appointed United States Attorney in May 2025 and Mike was then elevated to chief of our office's Criminal Division. Third, Mike never filed any case in or related to the District of Minnesota. And under my leadership, no prosecutor now in our office—including Mike—has acted in a "politically motivated" manner.

For these reasons, I urge you to confirm this lifelong public servant and to disregard the baseless claims about Mike and our office.

Sincerely,



Jerome F. Gorgon Jr.
United States Attorney