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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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Senator Grassley and Senator Durbin,

I write you in support of Anthony "Tony" Mattivi, current Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigations, for the position of Federal District Court Judge, District of Kansas.

As a Kansas prosecutor for the past 31 years, I first came to know Mr. Mattivi by his reputation as one of the best prosecutors in the state. Because we practiced hours apart from one another, I first struck up a friendship with Mr. Mattivi some ten years ago when he came to Wichita to speak about his experience with the DOJ's National Security Division where he was lead prosecutor in the case against high-level al Qaeda terrorists who attacked the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen in 2000. Like a true prosecutor, what he did not tell the crowd was he was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service.

The list of notable prosecutions speaks to the degree to which current and former supervisors trusted Mr. Mattivi's skill and professionalism: six months spent in Iraq, assisting the Iraq High Tribunal with the prosecution of members of Saddam Hussein's regime for war crimes and crimes against humanity; the prosecution of Terry Lee Loewen, for the attempted terrorist attack on then-Midcontinent Airport in Wichita; the current prosecution of John Booker for the attempted attack on Ft. Riley; and the current prosecution of the self-styled militia members from southwest Kansas who plotted to blow up a mosque and kill members of the Somali community.

As a former Assistant District Attorney in Shawnee County (Topeka, Kansas) and a former Assistant Attorney general for the State of Kansas, Mr. Mattivi knows the work of Kansas law enforcement officials first-hand.

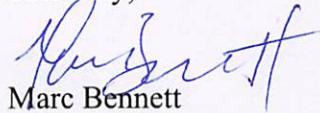
After a brief retirement, he returned to public service in 2023, when he accepted the appointment as Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. In his role as the lead law enforcement agent for the state of Kansas, he is responsible for some 400 employees and a \$73 million budget. The KBI Agents in his employ are called upon to investigate and assist in the investigation of major crimes across the State of Kansas.

Mr. Mattivi possesses extensive experience, legal acumen and temperament to be a fine judge. I hate to see him leave the KBI, but he will excel in this role.

You will not find a better applicant, with more experience and a better reputation than Tony Mattivi.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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