

July 21, 2025

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

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

**Re: Letter of Support for the Nomination of Chad Meredith to be
United States District Judge for the Eastern District of
Kentucky**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write today to express our support for the nomination of Chad Meredith to serve as a United States District Judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Each of us share with Chad the privilege of having served as judicial law clerks to Judge John M. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Each of us signs this letter in a personal capacity and not on behalf of any current or former employer.

We come from a diversity of backgrounds and hold various political views and judicial philosophies. And since our time as clerks, we have pursued many different career paths including positions in both public service and private practice. However, we are united in our belief that Chad is eminently qualified to serve with distinction as a United States District Court judge.

Like us, Chad began his legal career under the tutelage of an extraordinary federal judge, who modeled the traits of judicial temperament, intellectual rigor, fairness, and unimpeachable character. We are confident that Chad would bring the same traits to the bench.

Some of us have known Chad for nearly 20 years, and whether we have followed his career from nearby or afar, we have witnessed in it the same impressive traits that he demonstrated during his clerkship. After his clerkship at the Sixth Circuit, Chad clerked on the District Court to which he is now nominated to serve for then-District Court Judge Amul Thapar. After his clerkships, Chad spent several years in private practice before returning to public service, first as Chief Deputy General Counsel to the Governor of Kentucky and then as Kentucky's first Solicitor General.

In each of those roles Chad demonstrated immense analytical talent, extraordinary writing ability, and integrity. Moreover, on a personal level, we have found Chad to be unfailingly kind and respectful in his interactions with others.

We were delighted to learn of Chad's nomination to the United States District Court, and enthusiastically encourage the Senate to confirm him.

Sincerely,

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