

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of S. Chad Meredith to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write today in support of the nomination of Chad Meredith to serve on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. We all served as judicial law clerks to Judge Amul R. Thapar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Like Chad, many of us clerked for Judge Thapar when he was a district court judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Each of us signs this letter in a personal capacity, and not on behalf of any current or former employer.

We hold a wide variety of political and legal views. Since our clerkships, we have dispersed across the country in a variety of roles in public service, private practice, academia, and business. But we share the belief that Chad is eminently qualified to serve as a United States District Court judge. Chad's sharp legal mind and professional temperament have been on public display through his service as Chief Deputy Counsel to the Governor of Kentucky, as Kentucky's first Solicitor General, and years in private practice. We know Chad to be a man of unimpeachable integrity, sound judgment, and unfailing kindness.

The overwhelming majority of cases will never appear in the pages of the *New York Times*, the *Des Moines Register*, or the *Chicago Tribune*. But every civil case involves parties who need a dispute resolved. Every criminal case involves defendants, victims, and communities who need justice done. These everyday cases are all-consuming to the real people involved, even if they never make the news. For that reason, these cases deserve the same careful analysis and sober judgment we know Chad brought to chambers every day as a law clerk and throughout his esteemed career since then. We were delighted to hear of Chad's nomination to the United States District Court, and we urge the Senate to swiftly confirm him.

Former Law Clerks of Hon. Amul R. Thapar Letter re: Meredith Nomination
July 25, 2025

Sincerely,

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