

July 20, 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 as current and former state solicitors general to express our strong support for the nomination of Chad Meredith to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. From serving as the chief appellate advocates for our States, we have unique insight into the qualifications necessary for the federal bench. We all agree that Chad has the intellect, temperament, and commitment to the rule of law to serve his country admirably as a United States District Judge.

State solicitors general regularly lead complex litigation affecting citizens across the nation. This job requires not only mastery of the applicable law, but also the judgment to make complex decisions with far-reaching consequences. We have seen firsthand Chad's ability to analyze legal questions in an intellectually rigorous and fair-minded manner. As Kentucky's first Solicitor General, Chad distinguished himself in diverse areas of federal and state law.

For example, Chad successfully argued before the en banc Sixth Circuit in *Taylor v. Jordan*. Chad convinced the full Sixth Circuit to deny habeas relief in a capital case involving the murder of two high-school students in Louisville. As Kentucky's Solicitor General, Chad also prevailed before the Supreme Court of Kentucky in the landmark case of *Cameron v. Beshear*. That decision established the ground rules under Kentucky's constitution for the Governor to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic. These two cases demonstrate Chad's meticulous preparation, keen intellect, and unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

Chad also exhibits the temperament necessary to serve as a District Judge. He carefully listens to differing viewpoints, fairly engages with opposing arguments, and keeps his composure no matter the circumstances. We have no doubt that Chad will approach every case with an open mind, with the goal of reaching the correct result in light of the facts and the law. In addition, we all know Chad to be a person of the highest integrity.

As Chad's professional peers who have witnessed his work, we are confident that he possesses the qualities to serve with distinction as a District Judge. President Trump chose wisely in nominating Chad for the federal bench. We urge the Senate to swiftly confirm him.

Sincerely,

Cody Barnett (Solicitor General of Nebraska, 2025-present)

James A. Campbell (Solicitor General of Nebraska, 2020-2023)

Christian Corrigan (Solicitor General of Montana, 2022-present)

David Dewhirst (Solicitor General of Montana, 2020-2021)

Andrew Ferguson (Solicitor General of Virginia, 2022-2024)

Thomas M. Fisher (Solicitor General of Indiana, 2005-2023)

Benjamin M. Flowers (Solicitor General of Ohio, 2019-2023)

Tyler Green (Solicitor General of Utah, 2015-2020)

Melissa Holyoak (Solicitor General of Utah, 2020-2024)

Edmund LaCour (Solicitor General of Alabama, 2019-present)

Brant M. Laue (Solicitor General of Kansas, 2020-2023)

Elbert Lin (Solicitor General of West Virginia, 2013-2017)

Scott A. Keller (Solicitor General of Texas, 2015-2018)

Matthew F. Kuhn (Solicitor General of Kentucky, 2021-present)

Mithun Mansinghani (Solicitor General of Oklahoma, 2017-2022)

Liz Murrill (Solicitor General of Louisiana, 2016-2023)

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O.H. Skinner (Solicitor General of Arizona, 2019-2020)

Scott G. Stewart (Solicitor General of Mississippi, 2021-present)

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