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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:

As a practicing Kentucky lawyer and retired Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of Kentucky with more than thirty years on the bench, I write to express my 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.

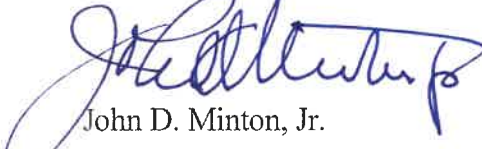
Chad will be an excellent judge. He is a native Kentuckian who graduated from public schools in Grayson County, a rural community not far from where I live and work. Chad graduated with highest honors from both Washington and Lee University and the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Upon completing his education, Chad clerked for Judge John M. Rogers on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He then clerked on the District Court to which he is now nominated to serve for then-District Judge Amul Thapar. After his clerkships, Chad litigated at two respected Kentucky law firms—first at Frost Brown Todd and then at Ransdell Roach & Royse. Chad left private practice for public service. He served as Chief Deputy General Counsel to the Governor of Kentucky and then served for two years as Kentucky's first Solicitor General, during which time he oversaw all of Kentucky's criminal and civil appellate litigation. It was in his role as Solicitor General that I became acquainted with Chad because he briefed and argued several cases before the Supreme Court of Kentucky. Chad proved himself to be a highly skilled and effective appellate advocate. Chad now works as a litigation partner at Squire Patton Boggs.

Chad's legal experiences have prepared him well for the role of a trial court judge. He understands the litigation process. He has taken and defended depositions; he has presented and cross-examined witnesses in hearings and at trial; and he has researched, written, and argued all manner of motions in state and federal trial courts. And he has briefed and argued numerous appeals in the Sixth Circuit in addition to his work I saw personally in the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

I know from my contact with Chad both in and out of court that he has the temperament needed in a judge. He is a decent, humble person, and he is committed to the rule of law. Chad has the character and integrity we need to serve the country and our Commonwealth as a District Judge.

I urge the Senate to confirm Chad's nomination.

Very truly yours,



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