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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chair, United State Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member, United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Letter of Support for the Nomination of John B. Nalbandian to the
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

As Chief Justice of Kentucky and a board member of the State Justice Institute, I am pleased and honored to write this letter supporting John B. Nalbandian's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. I first met Mr. Nalbandian through our common affiliation with the State Justice Institute and have had the pleasure of working with him as members of that organization's board of directors. I can think of few lawyers who possess John's level of professionalism, intellect, integrity, and legal ability, and I am confident he would make an excellent addition to the federal bench.

John has extensive experience as an appellate and general litigation practitioner in both state and federal courts. He represents clients in a wide range of areas, including antitrust, class actions, products liability, intellectual property, and white collar crime, and has impressive experience in administrative and international law.

John's legal accomplishments have earned him a number of accolades, including recognition for the past decade by Best Lawyers in America and a 2016 award for "Lawyer of the Year" for Cincinnati Appellate Practice. He was also appointed to serve as a special justice on the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

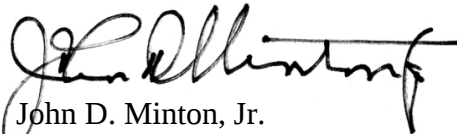
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Along with his appointment to the State Justice Institute, John is a member of the Greater Cincinnati Minority Counsel Program's board of directors. He serves on the Ohio Bar Association's Appellate Practice Specialty Board and as president of the Cincinnati chapter of the Federalist Society. He also is a life member of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and serves on the Life Member Committee.

John has established an impressive reputation throughout Kentucky and Ohio for his many contributions to the legal profession and the law. He maintains an active law practice with an impressive list of clients and volunteers his service to a number of law-related and community organizations. John lives his life in an exemplary manner, treating others with dignity and respect both in and out of the courtroom. He is a true public servant and exemplifies professionalism in his work and his relationships.

I am proud to call John Nalbandian a Kentucky lawyer and even more proud to call him my friend. I am confident that I speak on behalf of many lawyers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky when I say that I wholeheartedly support John's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and hope you will give him due consideration for this deserved appointment.

Very truly yours,



John D. Minton, Jr.