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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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The Honorable Dick Durbin
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Re: Nomination of Justin Olson to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana – Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

The undersigned attorneys of Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP (formerly Faegre Baker Daniels LLP) write in our personal capacities to convey our unqualified and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Justin Olson for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. We were each colleagues with Justin when he was an associate at our firm between 2015 and 2019. The attorneys submitting this letter come from different backgrounds and have a variety of perspectives and jurisprudential views, but we all firmly believe that Justin is particularly well suited to be a District Court Judge.

Our experiences with Justin convince us that he has all the qualities of a just, talented, and highly respected public servant. First and foremost, Justin is smart. He grasps complex issues quickly, efficiently conducts research and resolves seemingly irreconcilable differences in the law, expeditiously delivers high quality work product, and is a skilled writer and communicator. Litigants, lawyers, and the public at large can be assured that Justin will devote careful attention to his work. That in turn will promote respect for the law and our justice system.

Second, Justin is experienced. At Faegre Drinker, Justin successfully and meaningfully contributed to nearly every aspect of litigation and appellate work,

including by conducting pre-litigation investigations, drafting and answering complaints, analyzing attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine issues, writing and participating in all aspects of discovery for both client plaintiffs and defendants, preparing witnesses, writing mediation statements, participating in settlement negotiations, and drafting appellate briefs in both state and federal courts. Justin also worked on matters before administrative agencies. Indeed, we have missed Justin as a highly valued team member ever since he understandably accepted the offer to become an Assistant United States Attorney. And, of course, Justin's extensive experience at the United States Attorney's Office over the course of five years has exponentially deepened Justin's experience and expertise in all the above skills, and many more, as detailed in his nomination materials.

Moreover, Justin's experience working or clerking in a variety of settings such as the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Indiana Supreme Court, large and small law firms (including a plaintiffs law firm), nursing homes, and the United States Attorney's Office will serve well the justice system as he thoughtfully handles disputes central to the lives of the parties.

Beyond Justin's substantive legal expertise, during his tenure at Faegre Drinker, he also took an interest in new technologies and their ability to improve firm processes and client work. Specifically, Justin served critical roles on both the firm's Technology Exploration Committee and the Associates and Consultants Strategic Initiative Committee, where he worked with a variety of stakeholders to advocate and build consensus around the adoption of new technologies. We expect Justin would bring the same enthusiasm for innovation to his role in the Southern District to improve the justice system and make it more accessible to the public.

Third, Justin is a natural leader, even-tempered, supremely diplomatic, and civil. In addition, he is a patient, thoughtful mentor, as he consistently displayed when counseling and teaching more junior associates at Faegre Drinker.

Finally, Justin is devoted to public service. As busy as he always has been, Justin also has served the Bar and, in turn, our community in a variety of ways. These include his service on Indianapolis and Indiana State Bar Association committees, the Sagamore Inn of Court, and the Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis Board of Directors. Moreover, Justin was active in providing pro bono services when at Faegre Drinker in and outside the court system. Justin gives generously of his time.

In summary, Justin Olson is uniquely qualified for this position, having the intelligence, temperament, and commitment to public service that would make him an ideal choice for District Court Judge. For these reasons, we strongly support Justin's nomination and urge the Senate to confirm him without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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