

August 19, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
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*Re: Nomination of Jonathan A. Kobes as Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals  
for the Eighth Circuit*

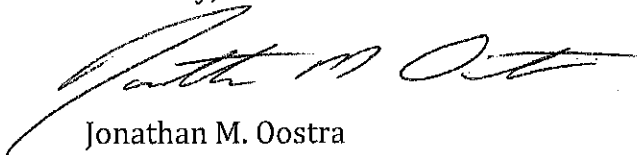
Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

It is my pleasure to submit this correspondence to you and the Judiciary Committee in support of the nomination of Jonathan Kobes as a Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Mr. Kobes would be an excellent addition to the federal bench.

I am licensed to practice law in South Dakota and Iowa, and know Mr. Kobes through personal and professional interactions. I had the opportunity to observe Mr. Kobes in the courtroom during his service as an Assistant United States Attorney and I respect his intellect and legal ability. In addition, he has served the Eighth Circuit as an appellate law clerk and worked as an attorney in private practice, corporate settings and in providing legal guidance to Senator Mike Rounds of South Dakota. I believe his varied work background has provided valuable experience and perspectives that will serve him well as a judge.

I also know Mr. Kobes on a personal level, and he is highly intelligent, very respectful and fair – critical traits for any jurist. In summary, Jonathan Kobes would be an exemplary federal judge and I appreciate your consideration of this submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan M. Oostra", written in a cursive style.

Jonathan M. Oostra