

September 7, 2017

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senator
221 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Jeffrey Alan Merkley
United States Senator
313 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senators Wyden and Merkley:

As members of Oregon's criminal defense bar, we write in support of the nomination of Assistant U.S. Attorney Ryan W. Bounds to serve as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Bounds has served for nearly eight years as a federal prosecutor in the District of Oregon, where he has prosecuted individuals charged with offenses ranging from bank robberies and immigration violations to environmental crimes and complex frauds. Throughout his tenure, he has earned a reputation for fairness, diligence, legal acumen, all the while displaying collegiality and respect toward opposing counsel.

Each of us has represented clients in cases that Mr. Bounds has prosecuted, and collectively we have resolved many cases through plea negotiations and trials with him. He is a tough prosecutor. However, he has always been willing to give serious consideration to the defense's arguments about a case and, when appropriate, has conceded legal issues when the facts, law, or justice require him to do so. It is consistently clear that he seeks what he believes to be a just result. Perhaps most importantly, he has shown time and again that he is a man of his word – a vital character trait for all people who hold positions of power.

When we have been unable to find common ground and have resorted to litigation, Mr. Bounds has proven a worthy and respectful adversary. He is an excellent writer and persuasive oral advocate. He reliably understands the defense's arguments and the legal framework in which they must be analyzed. All in all, he is an excellent lawyer and would make an outstanding judge. We look forward to appearing before him.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to Oregon and the United States.

Sincerely,



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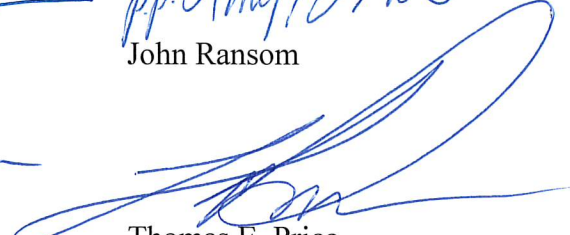

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