

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 25, 2026

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

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Jesus A. Osete to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

As members of the Missouri congressional delegation, we write in strong support of Jesus A. Osete, whom President Trump has nominated to serve as a United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. We respectfully urge the Committee to advance his nomination and the Senate to confirm him to serve in this role.

The Western District serves 66 of Missouri's 114 counties, from Kansas City and St. Joseph to Springfield, Columbia, and Jefferson City. Its judges decide cases that matter to Missourians across our state, and Jesus is exactly the kind of lawyer who should be hearing them.

Jesus has spent much of his career serving the people of Missouri. He was Deputy Solicitor General and Deputy Attorney General for Special Litigation under then Attorney General Eric Schmitt, and in those roles, he litigated high-profile cases in state and federal courts across the country. He also served as General Counsel to Secretary of State John R. Ashcroft, where he oversaw the office's litigation, supervised the rulemaking process for state agencies, and advised on a wide range of legal matters.

Today, Jesus serves as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, which makes him the division's second highest-ranking official. He helps oversee enforcement of federal civil rights laws, manages the division's sections and attorneys, and coordinates major investigations and litigation. The position demands careful judgment on difficult constitutional and statutory questions, and he's met that standard.

After completing law school at Washington University in St. Louis, where he was Senior Executive Editor of the law review, he clerked for then Chief Justice Zel Fischer of the Supreme Court of Missouri and for Judge Bobby Shepherd of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, making him well prepared for the bench. He also practiced in the Appellate and Supreme Court Group at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, and Missouri Lawyers Media has repeatedly recognized him as one of the state's leading appellate lawyers.

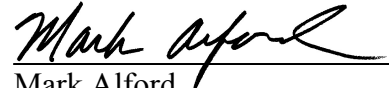
Beyond his credentials, Jesus understands the proper role of a judge: to give every party a fair hearing and apply the law as written. He has deep roots in Missouri's legal community and an unwavering commitment to the Constitution. We're confident he will serve the people of the Western District with integrity and fairness.

President Trump made an excellent choice, and we're proud to support Jesus's nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



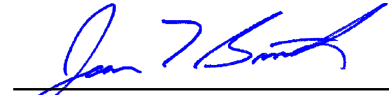
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