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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member
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Via E-Mail -

**Re: Jesus A. Osete, Judicial Nominee
United State District Court for the Western District of Missouri**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I am pleased to write in strong and enthusiastic support of Jesus Osete's nomination to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

I have known Jesus well for nearly a decade, and it has been a privilege to work with him at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner on two occasions: first in 2019 and again beginning in 2023. During both periods, I worked with him closely and extensively and came to know not only the quality of his legal work, but also the strength of his character.

Jesus is an excellent lawyer with strong analytical and writing skills. I worked with him on several complex and difficult matters and came to rely on his sound judgment, steady support, and thoughtful analysis. He brought those qualities to both trial court and appellate matters. I also know that my friend, Missouri Supreme Court Justice Zel Fisher, holds Jesus in very high regard as a former clerk and mentee.

Just as importantly, I know Jesus to be a person of great integrity. I have personally observed his decision-making in high-pressure situations, and he has always honored his ethical duties with care and seriousness. Beyond his professional accomplishments, I have been impressed by the devotion he shows to his family and the genuine care and attention he gives to his wife and children.

Jesus' background also gives him a grounded perspective. He grew up working hard in a blue-collar setting along the Arizona-Mexico border, while also applying himself diligently to his studies and achieving significant academic success. That combination of experience, discipline, and accomplishment would serve him well on the bench. The citizens and lawyers of our state would be fortunate to have Jesus Osete serve as a judge on the United States District Court.

I enthusiastically and wholeheartedly support his nomination and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. Thompson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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