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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
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Re: Nomination of Jesus A. Osete to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Jesus A. Osete to serve on the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Mr. Osete has developed an impressive legal career covering federal and state government service, appellate litigation, and judicial clerkships.

Mr. Osete currently serves as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, where he is the Division's second highest-ranking official and advises the Assistant Attorney General on matters involving federal civil rights enforcement, litigation, and policy. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, he served as General Counsel to Missouri Secretary of State John R. Ashcroft and as Deputy Attorney General for Special Litigation and Deputy Solicitor General in the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

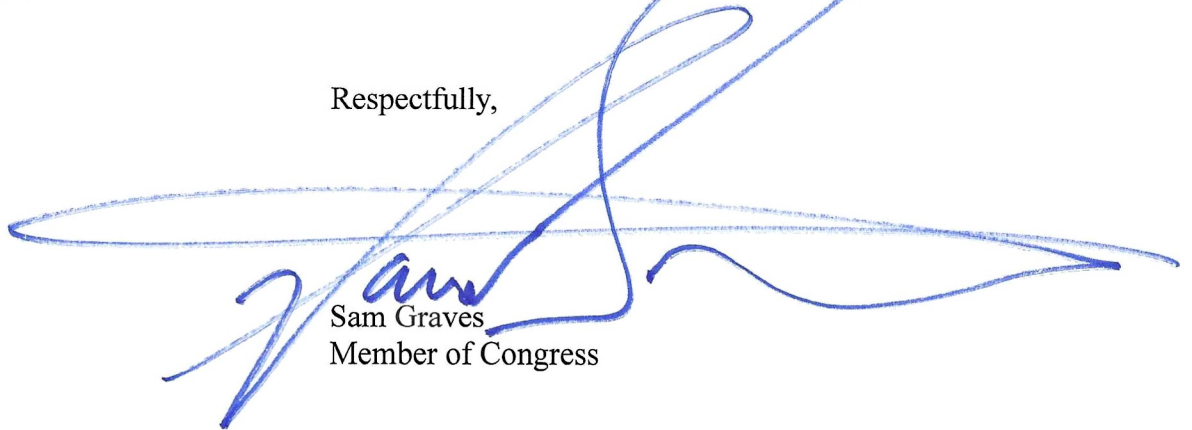
His legal experience also includes his time in private practice with Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, where he handled motions, appellate briefs, depositions, and settlements. Mr. Osete also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Bobby E. Shepherd of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and to Chief Justice Zel M. Fischer of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Mr. Osete received his law degree from Washington University in St. Louis in 2016, where he served as Senior Executive Editor of the Washington University Law Review. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona in 2013, where he studied political science and pre-law.

His professional background has given him experience with federal and state litigation, appellate practice, government legal advising, and the work of both state and federal courts. His career has also included substantial service in Missouri, including positions with the Missouri Attorney General's Office, the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, and private practice in Jefferson City and Kansas City.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of Mr. Osete's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. Mr. Osete's extensive legal experience at the state and federal levels, including his work in Missouri government, private appellate practice, and the Department of Justice, has provided him with a well-rounded understanding of the law. I believe Mr. Osete would bring valuable legal experience and a strong record of public service to the federal bench. I respectfully ask that the Committee give his nomination full and fair consideration.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Sam Graves, is written over the text "Respectfully," and the printed name "Sam Graves". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.

Sam Graves
Member of Congress