

September 23, 2026

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

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

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I write in support of my friend and law-school classmate, Jesus Osete, who has been nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. I know Jesus to be a caring, intelligent, and service-oriented lawyer and person. I'm confident that he will bring those qualities to the federal bench.

I first met Jesus at an orientation for the Washington University Law Review before our second year of law school. Jesus's intelligence and talent were evident from that first meeting. And perhaps most importantly (especially to me at the time), he was a nice guy. Jesus enjoyed plenty of success in law school, particularly on the Law Review and in the Appellate Clinic.

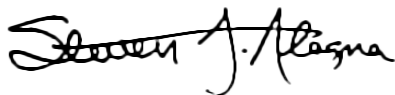
I'm grateful that Jesus and I have remained friends since law school. We even briefly overlapped as colleagues at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner. When he first joined the firm, Jesus had just completed clerkships on the Supreme Court of Missouri and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and I was interested in clerking, myself. I remember a long phone call during the height of the pandemic during which Jesus was particularly generous in sharing his time, experience, and advice with the goal of helping me secure a clerkship of my own.

After I began serving in my current role as the director of our alma mater's Appellate Clinic, Jesus was once again generous in sharing his time and expertise when he volunteered to engage with my clinic students as a guest speaker. He graciously answered my students' many questions about clerkships, appellate practice, judicial decision-making, and the legal profession, in general. I remember thinking to myself at that guest appearance that Jesus spoke with the wisdom, gravitas, and measured temperament of someone who was already a federal judge.

I admire Jesus's commitment to service. I'm most grateful for his generosity in serving our law-school community, the State of Missouri, and the United States. While I have often disagreed with the legal positions Jesus and his public offices have taken, I remain confident and hopeful that Jesus will embody the best qualities of the federal bench.

For all these reasons, I'm honored to share my support for Jesus's confirmation. As a native of Kansas City, Missouri, I'm especially excited about the prospect of Jesus joining the federal court that serves my hometown. Please don't hesitate to contact me if additional information would be helpful as you consider Jesus's nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven J. Alagna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" and last name "Alagna" clearly legible.

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