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

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

I write in strong support of Trevor S. Pemberton's nomination to serve as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

I have had the opportunity to know Trevor in several important capacities and have entrusted him with significant responsibilities on behalf of the State of Oklahoma. In 2020, I appointed Trevor to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, one of the highest courts in our state's judiciary, after his service as a district judge in Oklahoma County. The following year, I asked him to leave the bench and serve as my General Counsel. He served in that role for three years, advising me and my administration on some of the most consequential and complex legal issues facing our State.

Those experiences gave me the opportunity to observe Trevor's legal ability, judgment, temperament, and character firsthand. As General Counsel, I relied on him to analyze difficult questions of constitutional and statutory law, provide candid legal advice, and represent the interests of the State with professionalism and integrity. He approached each matter with care, objectivity, and a clear commitment to applying the law faithfully.

His experience on the bench further demonstrates his readiness to serve as a federal district judge. In addition to his service on the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals, he has served as a special judge, district judge, chief district judge of the Oklahoma County Juvenile Division. That breadth of experience has given him a practical understanding of the responsibilities entrusted to a judge: to listen carefully, treat litigants fairly, approach each matter with an open mind, and faithfully apply the law.

Just as importantly, Trevor is a man of strong character who understands that public office is a public trust. Throughout the years I have known and worked with him, he has demonstrated a genuine commitment to serving Oklahoma and its people. I am confident he will bring that same sense of duty, integrity, and respect for the rule of law to the federal bench.

President Trump has nominated an exceptionally qualified Oklahoman to serve the Eastern District. I respectfully urge the Committee to favorably consider Trevor Pemberton's nomination and support his confirmation by the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kevin Stitt". The signature is stylized, with a large "J" and "S".

J. Kevin Stitt
Governor
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