

September 8, 2026

Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

RE: Nomination of Trevor Pemberton to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

It is our honor to support the nomination of Trevor Pemberton to serve as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

We have had the privilege of knowing Trevor professionally for many years and have observed firsthand the qualities that make him exceptionally well suited for service on the federal bench. Trevor possesses the intelligence, judgment, integrity, and temperament that are essential characteristics of an outstanding federal judge. More important, he is deeply committed to the rule of law and understands that a judge's responsibility is not to advance a personal agenda, but rather to faithfully apply the law to the facts before the court.

Throughout his legal career, Trevor has demonstrated an uncommon ability to master complicated legal and factual issues through his positions as an Oklahoma state court judge as well as an appellate judge. He has handled matters involving extensive records, intricate legal questions, and competing interests, consistently approaching each challenge with careful preparation and disciplined analysis. His ability to quickly absorb and synthesize complex information, identify the issues that truly matter, and reach sound conclusions is exceptional. Those skills will serve him well on a federal court docket, where judges are routinely called upon to decide significant disputes involving complex facts and legal principles.

Equally important, Trevor possesses the judicial temperament that litigants, lawyers, and the public expect from a federal judge. He is patient, respectful, thoughtful, and even-handed. He listens carefully before reaching conclusions and treats all individuals who appear before him

with dignity and respect. In an era when confidence in public institutions is critical, Trevor's professionalism and integrity make him uniquely qualified to inspire trust in the judicial process.

As a lawyer, Trevor has earned the respect of his colleagues because of his fairness and objectivity. He evaluates issues on their merits and approaches every matter with an open mind. We have always known him to be impartial, intellectually honest, and guided by principle rather than expediency. These qualities are indispensable for a federal judge and are among the reasons we believe he will excel in this role.

From our perspective, one of Trevor's greatest strengths is his unwavering commitment to doing what is right under the law, even when the outcome may be difficult or unpopular. He understands that the judiciary's legitimacy depends upon judges who faithfully follow precedent, apply the law fairly, and decide cases without favoritism or bias. We have every confidence that Trevor will approach each case with independence, humility, and a steadfast commitment to justice.

The Eastern District of Oklahoma would be exceptionally well served by Trevor's appointment. His legal ability, sound judgment, strong work ethic, and impeccable character make him highly qualified for this important position. We cannot imagine a better candidate to serve the citizens of Oklahoma and uphold the responsibilities of a United States District Judge.

It is with our strongest and most enthusiastic recommendation that we support Trevor Pemberton's nomination. We respectfully urge the Committee and the Senate to provide him with favorable consideration and prompt confirmation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide any additional information regarding Trevor's qualifications.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Lauderdale", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael F. Lauderdale

Also supported by:

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