



May 19, 2014

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of members of People For the American Way, we write to express our support for the confirmation of Ronnie White to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

The first African American to sit on the Missouri Supreme Court, Ronnie White is a supremely qualified judge with years of experience in both private practice and public service. He began his long and successful career as a public defender. He was elected three times to the state legislature. He was appointed to a state judgeship, and then served for twelve years on the Missouri Supreme Court, including as its Chief Justice. He has spent the past seven years as a partner in the respected law firm of Holleran White Schwartz & Gaertner. His career encapsulates in one person the broad professional diversity that so strengthens our federal courts.

In each facet of his career, he has earned accolades. Throughout his career, his professional excellence has been honored through distinguished awards including:

- Inclusion in the “Super Lawyers” list (2013)
- Missouri Association of Social Welfare Special Public Service Award (2007)
- Mound City Bar Association Legal Legend Award (2006, 2007)
- MOKAN Legacy Award in Recognition of Distinguished Career Achievements (2007)

Among the many supporters of his nomination are Sen. Claire McCaskill and the Missouri Fraternal Order of Police. The Missouri FOP has underscored the need for “jurists such as Ronnie White, who have shown themselves to be tough on crime, yet fair and impartial.” They noted that they could not think of a “finer or more worthy nominee.”

Indeed, a nominee with such broad support and strong credentials is exactly the kind of jurist we need serving our country on the U.S. District Court. White has demonstrated that he has the drive, experience, and fair-mindedness to serve the American people on the federal bench.

We look forward to his hearing before the Judiciary Committee and his timely confirmation by the Senate.

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Marge Baker
Executive Vice President for Policy and Program
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul R. Gordon".

Paul R. Gordon
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