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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman of the Judiciary
United States Senator, Iowa
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Endorsement of Tony Powell for Appointment to the United States District
Court for the District of Kansas

Dear Senators:

I write to offer my unqualified endorsement of Candidate Tony Powell for appointment to the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. I became acquainted with Mr. Powell as a colleague in the 1980s. He was serving as a civil defense lawyer at Martin and Churchill, and I was serving in the same capacity at a similar civil defense firm. In 1985 I formed a solo practice restricted to trial matters. I became better acquainted with Tony when he was a Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District. I have appeared before Judge Powell several times. One case stands out. It was a case involving medical malpractice resulting in a wrongful death. I lost an important motion involving punitive damages, but my client and I were treated fairly, and Judge Powell's decision was well reasoned. He has judicial temperament. He is courteous and kind to all who appear before him. In retrospect the ruling was a favor, and I achieved over a million dollars for the victim and her family.

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By way of background, I am a graduate of North Texas State University (1969) and Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D., 1972). I have practiced as a trial attorney in Kansas for over fifty years, trying cases to jury verdict in medical malpractice, civil rights, personal injury, and products liability. I am admitted to practice before the Kansas Supreme Court, all Kansas District and Appellate Courts, the United States District Court in Kansas, and the Tenth Federal Circuit. I am a member of the Wichita Bar Association, the Kansas Bar Association, the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Trial Lawyers Association.

I served as President of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association in 2017, have sat on its Board of Governors for over forty years, and chaired its Medical Malpractice Section for more than a decade. I received the Consumer Advocate Award (2002), the Distinguished Service Award (2012), and the Consumer Champion Award (2014) from the Kansas Association for Justice.

I have written and lectured to lawyers on medical malpractice, civil rights, and trial tactics for more than twenty-five years. I offer these credentials not for self-promotion, but to establish that my endorsement of Candidate Tony Powell is rooted in a half-century of active trial practice and a long record of evaluating legal ability under fire.

Tony Powell currently serves as Solicitor General of the Office of the Kansas Attorney General. I have not appeared before him recently, but he has earned a stellar reputation. What distinguishes Candidate Tony Powell from other highly qualified attorneys is his exceptional judicial temperament. Courtroom advocacy rewards aggression; the federal bench rewards something far more valuable—the ability to listen carefully, reason dispassionately, and decide fairly. Candidate Tony Powell has that quality in abundance. He is direct without being combative, rigorous without being rigid, and principled without being inflexible. Those characteristics will serve the District of Kansas well in the decades to come.

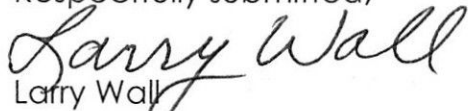
Candidate Tony Powell's commitment to the rule of law and to equal justice for all litigants—whether an individual plaintiff, a corporate defendant, or the United States—is beyond question. His record reflects a lawyer who approaches every matter with the same seriousness of purpose, regardless of the identity or resources of the parties. That even-handedness is, in my experience, the defining mark of a good judge.

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I am a plaintiff's trial attorney. I have spent my career fighting for individuals against hospitals, corporations, and institutions that cause harm and then deny accountability. I have no professional stake in this nomination other than the belief that the citizens of this district deserve the finest judicial officers this state can offer. Candidate Tony Powell is one of those officers. I urge you to support his appointment without reservation.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss my endorsement further at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Wall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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