

July 24, 2018

The Honorable Chairman Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: The Nomination of Jonathan Kobes to be a Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write today in support of the nomination of Jonathan Kobes of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to be a circuit judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Jon currently serves as General Counsel in the office of Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.). He previously served as General Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff, managing the senator's Washington, D.C., office.

We join together as staff who worked under Jon while he served as Deputy Chief of Staff. We have known Jon since 2015 and find him to be honest, judicious and respectful of others. In terms of management style, we found him to be fair, even-handed and thoughtful when making decisions.

In our view, Jon is eminently qualified to serve as a Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. We appreciate your consideration of our views.

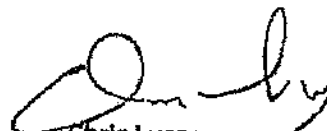
Sincerely,


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Katie Douglas

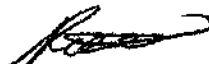

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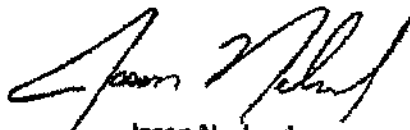

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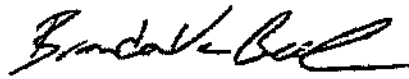

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