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Senator Chuck Grassley
Chairman
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224 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-6050

Senator Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Re: Nomination of Brett Joseph Talley to the U.S. District Court for the Middle
District of Alabama

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I write you today in support of Brett Joseph Talley's nomination to be a district court judge for the Middle District of Alabama. I have the unique experience of not only recommending Mr. Talley's nomination to the President but also supervising his work as an attorney.

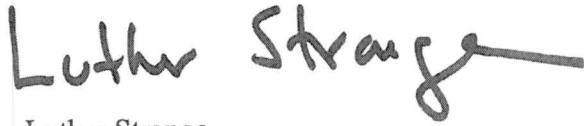
While I was Attorney General of Alabama, Mr. Talley served as my Deputy Solicitor General. In that capacity, he handled some of the most sensitive and complex cases that came before my office, at every level of the state and federal courts. Mr. Talley argued several cases before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, involving difficult questions of constitutional law and criminal procedure. He often filed briefs before the United States Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals across the country. Some of these briefs were on behalf of the state of Alabama. In others, Mr. Talley represented a coalition of dozens of states and their concerns.

Mr. Talley took a leading role in representing the interests of my office and our state in district court. He organized or supervised litigation involving complex questions of statutory law, defending the position of Alabama and many other states that certain federal agencies had overstepped the boundaries proscribed by congressional legislation. He also defended laws enacted by the Alabama legislature against constitutional challenges.

Finally, Mr. Talley also took an active part in developing legislation that was important to my office and the state of Alabama. While Attorney General, I charged Mr. Talley with working with other components of the Office of Attorney General and stakeholders from across our state to develop a comprehensive ethics reform package. Subsequently, legislation Mr. Talley helped draft was submitted to the Alabama Legislature for its consideration.

The broad scope of Mr. Talley's legal career will prove invaluable to him as he takes the district court bench. I urge the Committee to consider Mr. Talley's impressive qualifications and provide a favorable report to the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Luther Strange". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. The "L" is large and loops around the "u". The "S" is also large and loops around the "t". The "r" is a simple vertical stroke. The "a" is a small loop. The "n" is a simple vertical stroke. The "g" is a large loop that extends to the right. The signature is followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right.

Luther Strange
United States Senator