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Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
United States Senator

Honorable Richard Durbin, Ranking Member
United States Senator

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Honorable Daniel M. Traynor to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Grassley and Senator Durbin:

I write to express my wholehearted support for the nomination of U.S. District Judge Daniel M. Traynor to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Over many years, I have known Judge Traynor in several professional roles: as a lawyer in private practice, as Chair of the Disciplinary Board of the North Dakota Supreme Court, and most recently as a U.S. District Judge for the District of North Dakota.

In each of these roles, Judge Traynor has demonstrated the highest ethical standards, sound legal judgment, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to the efficient delivery of legal services.

In private practice, Judge Traynor represented his clients zealously and effectively while maintaining professionalism and civility. He advocated forcefully, presenting his clients' positions in the strongest possible terms without compromising decorum.

As President of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court, Judge Traynor protected the public and the legal profession by presiding over fair, efficient evidentiary hearings involving attorneys accused of misconduct and by insisting that North Dakota's lawyer

discipline system operate more effectively. While I served as North Dakota's Disciplinary Counsel, I worked with Judge Traynor to reduce a substantial backlog of ethics prosecutions. We made significant progress, and that progress would not have been possible without Judge Traynor's leadership and commitment to positive change.

As a U.S. District Judge, Judge Traynor brings confidence and skill to the bench. He rules decisively, handles difficult and controversial cases without hesitation, and applies the sound judgment he has developed through many years of broad legal experience.

I strongly urge the Committee to advance the nomination of Judge Traynor to serve on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Thank you for your time. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brent J. Edison", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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