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Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
United States Senator

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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 strongly support the nomination of Judge Daniel Traynor to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Having maintained an active federal practice for many years, I have had the privilege of working alongside Judge Traynor as co-counsel, opposing him as an adversary, and appearing before him in his current judicial capacity.

Throughout my experience with Judge Traynor in private practice, I consistently found him to be exceptionally well-prepared, ethical, and highly capable. He always maintained a professional demeanor, treating opposing counsel and parties with unwavering respect. Furthermore, his conduct during pretrial activity and depositions was characterized by a commitment to professional courtesy, efficiency, and integrity.

Since his appointment to the bench, I have regularly appeared before Judge Traynor in federal court. He manages his courtroom with grace, decisiveness, and absolute fairness. His judicial opinions are invariably crisp, precise, and deeply rooted in the law—including those decisions that were not ultimately resolved in my clients' favor.

Judge Traynor possesses the intellect, temperament, and dedication to the rule of law required of an appellate judge. I enthusiastically recommend him for elevation to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and urge the Committee to favorably consider his nomination.

Sincerely,

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