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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:

Thank you for your consideration of this letter on behalf of United States District Court Judge Daniel Traynor of Devils Lake, North Dakota as the Senate Judiciary Committee weighs his qualifications to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Having worked with Judge Traynor in various capacities for over nearly two decades, I have had the opportunity to observe firsthand his legal skill, professionalism, and dedication to public service.

I first came to know Judge Traynor when I was a member of the North Dakota Legislature. As he advocated before that body, he earned my respect and that of my colleagues for his preparation, reliability, and communication skills. Several years later, we worked together as participants in the North Dakota Legacy Fund Initiative, an effort that required careful analysis, collaboration, and a long-term vision for the benefit of our state. Throughout that process, he distinguished himself as a thoughtful and courteous partner to participants with diverse political views and those with no political views at all.

It was therefore a privilege to once again work with Judge Traynor when I served as United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota from late 2022 through early 2025. Judge Traynor's door was always open to the leadership of the United States Attorney's Office to address issues affecting the administration of justice in the District of North Dakota. He also invited me to join him at local Rotary Club meetings on several occasions, continuing to demonstrate his commitment to the community as a member of the federal bench.

In addition to his qualifications, this legacy of service makes Judge Traynor a deserving nominee for such an important position within our federal judiciary. Again, thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to the committee.

Sincerely,



Mac Schneider