

September 14, 2026

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

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Nomination of Zachary P. West to the United States District Court for the
Northern District of Oklahoma**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write in strong support of the nomination of Zachary P. West to serve as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Collectively, we served as Attorneys General for the State of Oklahoma during much of Zach's tenure in the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office. We worked closely with him as he advanced from Assistant Solicitor General to Deputy Solicitor General and ultimately Solicitor General. In those roles, Zach represented the State in complex and consequential litigation and consistently demonstrated exceptional legal ability, integrity, sound judgment, and devotion to the rule of law.

Zach's experience has prepared him well for the full range of responsibilities of a federal district judge. Although Zach is an accomplished appellate advocate, the substantial majority of his practice has involved litigation in federal and state courts. He has developed factual records, handled discovery, taken lengthy depositions, examined witnesses at trial, presented evidence, argued dispositive motions, assisted in a significant constitutional federal trial, and represented the State in emergency proceedings. He also has guided significant matters through multiple stages, from factual and legal development through trial-court proceedings and appellate review.

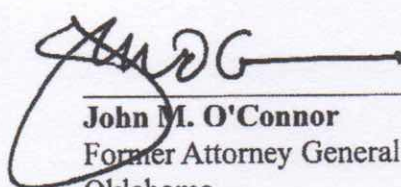
We saw Zach apply these skills while representing Oklahoma in some of the State's most difficult litigation. He mastered substantial records, identified the issues that mattered most, and made sound decisions when the legal questions were demanding and the stakes were high. His significant litigation experience reflects the preparation and practical judgment he would bring to the trial bench.

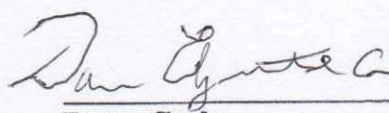
Equally important, Zach possesses the temperament required for judicial service. He is thoughtful, patient, respectful, and evenhanded. He listens carefully, considers competing positions fairly, and treats others with professionalism. We are confident that he will manage his docket efficiently, resolve disputes impartially, and ensure that every litigant receives a fair opportunity to be heard.

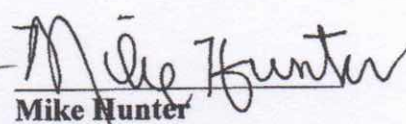
The Northern District of Oklahoma would be exceptionally well served by Zach's confirmation. He combines meaningful experience, sophisticated litigation judgment, accomplished appellate advocacy, and a deep commitment to public service. He would be a fair, well-rounded, hardworking, and conscientious judge. He will be a lasting asset to the bench, bar, and people of northern Oklahoma.

We respectfully urge the Committee and the Senate to confirm Zach West as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Respectfully,


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Oklahoma


Dawn Cash
Former Acting Attorney
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Mike Hunter
Former Attorney General of
Oklahoma