



September 14, 2026

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

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

**Re: Letter of support for Zach P. West's nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

As legislators representing constituents in and around the Eastern District of Oklahoma, it is an honor and privilege to write this letter in support of the nomination of Zach West to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Zach has done an outstanding job representing the interests of Oklahoma and this legislature under three Attorneys General. Throughout his tenure there he has demonstrated significant skill, legal acumen, and leadership while serving as the Assistant Solicitor General, Deputy Solicitor General, Solicitor General and Director of Special Litigation.

Zach's thorough grasp of constitutional questions associated with weighty, high-profile legislation has resulted in in-depth, clear, and well-reasoned briefs. His carefully crafted and persuasive arguments have successfully defended our laws at the trial and appellate level in both state and federal courts. We are proud of the manner in which Zach represents the State of Oklahoma.

Zach has defended legislation that many of us have drafted, co-sponsored, or supported. Specifically, Zach was a primary litigator and brief writer handling Oklahoma's defense of House Bill 1775. The Tenth Circuit recently upheld the law, a significant win for Oklahoma. Moreover, several of us have benefited from regular updates from Zach on the progress of cases involving our legislation.

Zach's outstanding legal abilities and dedication to the rule of law make him supremely qualified for the federal bench. It is our hope that the people of the State of Oklahoma will continue to benefit from Zach's intelligent, dedicated, thoughtful, and humble public service as a member of the federal judiciary. We respectfully urge the Committee to support Zach West's nomination and advance his confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Lonnie Paxton, President Pro Tempore  
State Senator, District 23



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Kyle Hilbert, Speaker of the House  
State Representative, District 29



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Julie Daniels, Majority Floor Leader  
State Senator, District 29



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Mark Lawson, Majority Leader  
State Representative, District 30



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Todd Gollihare, Asst. Majority Floor Leader  
Chair Judiciary  
Retired, Chief US Probation Officer, Northern  
District of Oklahoma  
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Steve Bashore, Asst. Majority Floor  
Leader  
State Representative, District 7



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Jerry Alvord, Asst. Majority Floor Leader  
State Senator, District 14



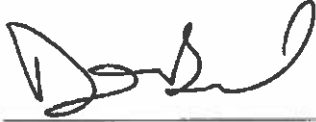
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Chris Banning, Chair, Business  
State Representative, District 24



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Grant Green, Chair, Energy Committee  
Committee  
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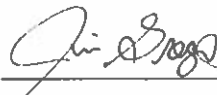
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David Bullard, Chair, Retirement and  
Government Resources  
State Senator, District 6



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Tom Woods, Vice Chair, Energy Committee  
Vice Chair Veterans and Military Affairs  
State Senator, District 8



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Jim Grego, Chair, Appropriations and  
Budget, Subcommittee  
State Representative, District 17