



September 11, 2026

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

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

Re: *Letter of Support for the Nomination of **Zachary P. West** to be
United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma*

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We, the undersigned State Attorneys General, write to strongly support the nomination of Zachary P. West to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Our offices have worked closely with Zach as a colleague in multistate litigation during his service in the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office. We can attest to his intellect, work ethic, integrity, and unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

Zach is an Oklahoman through and through. Born in Oklahoma City, he earned his B.A. from the University of Oklahoma with Special Distinction and his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Law with Honors, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif, served as Articles Editor of the Oklahoma Law Review, and received the Order of the Barristers. He clerked for Judge J. Leon Holmes of the Eastern District of Arkansas and Judge Bobby R. Baldock of the Tenth Circuit. He later served as Counsel and Senior Counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he assisted with the confirmation of a U.S. Supreme Court Justice and helped name and pass the bipartisan Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act.

Since 2017, Zach has devoted his practice to representing the State of Oklahoma. He has served as Assistant Solicitor General, Deputy Solicitor General, Acting Solicitor General, Solicitor General, and now Director of Special Litigation. In those key roles he has briefed and argued constitutional and statutory cases in the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the federal district courts of Oklahoma, the Tenth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States. In 2020, due to Zach's strong work, the National Association of Attorneys General awarded Oklahoma its United States Supreme Court Best Brief Award.

Our offices have seen those skills firsthand. Zach has been a reliable partner in cases of national significance. He has been counsel of record for Oklahoma in high profile matters,

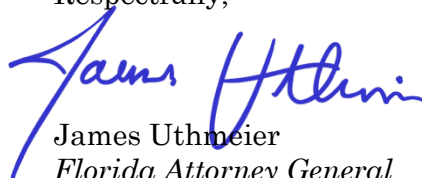
securing victories at the U.S. Supreme Court. But his expertise extends to trial settings as well. He examined and defended key witnesses at the bench trial upholding Oklahoma's execution protocol in *Glossip v. Chandler*, then led the State's successful defense of that judgment in the Tenth Circuit. He was lead counsel for the State in *OCRJ v. Drummond*, the post-*Dobbs* original jurisdiction case in which the Oklahoma Supreme Court rejected a broad state constitutional right to abortion. He defended Oklahoma election officials in emergency litigation involving election law matters. He spent years defending the Patient's Right to Pharmacy Choice Act against ERISA and Medicare preemption claims in *PCMA v. Mulready*. He has also served as counsel of record for the State in capital stay litigation at the Supreme Court.

That record reflects more than technical competence. State solicitors and special litigation directors succeed only if they can answer hard questions quickly, write with precision, treat opposing counsel fairly, and remain faithful to text and precedent when the political weather changes. Zach has done that work for nearly a decade, across administrations in the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office. He is respectful, levelheaded, and principled. We are confident that every litigant who appears before him—the State, a criminal defendant, a civil plaintiff, or the United States—will encounter a judge determined to apply the law to the facts.

Zach already knows the Northern District of Oklahoma. He has been admitted there since 2017. He lives in Edmond. He has practiced in Tulsa and Oklahoma City federal courtrooms and in the Tenth Circuit that sits in review of that district. Confirming him would place on that bench a lawyer who has spent his career defending the constitutional structure that district judges are sworn to safeguard.

Although we will miss Zach's service in the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office, the Nation's gain is clear. We urge the Senate to confirm Zachary P. West without delay.

Respectfully,



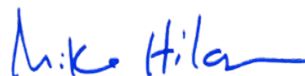
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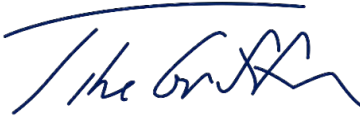
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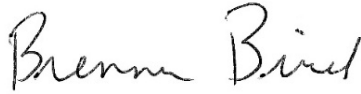
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