

December 8, 2022

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Recommendation for P. Casey Pitts for federal district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

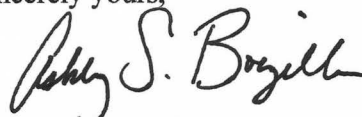
I write in support of the confirmation of P. Casey Pitts as a federal district court judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. I served as Deputy and Acting General Counsel at the Federal Communications Commission during the prior Administration, and was a classmate of Casey's at Yale Law School. I have known Casey as a law student, a lawyer, and a dear friend. His exceptional character and integrity, intellectual rigor, and temperament all make him an ideal addition to the federal bench.

Casey and I met in the early days of law school and were fast friends, notwithstanding our different political orientations. After graduation, we both lived in California and clerked for different judges on the Ninth Circuit. Over the course of our friendship, Casey's formidable intellect has been matched by his kindness, generous spirit, and abiding interest in both the academic and practical aspects of the law. We have spent many hours debating hard legal questions (almost always through different political lenses). Although we have disagreed at times, I have never had any doubt that Casey's views are the product of careful reasoning and a commitment to the rule of law.

Perhaps most importantly, Casey is fundamentally skilled at dialogue. In today's political environment, where outrage and echo chambers seem all too common, Casey's deftness at disagreeing without disdain or derision is a rare virtue. He is a considerate and thoughtful listener, a close reader, a rigorous thinker, a respectful questioner, and an excellent writer – all qualities that will serve him well on the bench.

Casey is smart but humble, rigorous but respectful, and exacting but kind. I can think of no better attributes for a federal judge. I respectfully urge the Judiciary Committee and the United States Senate to confirm him without delay.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ashley S. Boizelle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "B".

Ashley S. Boizelle

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FCC Acting General Counsel (2021)