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United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, and Members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary:

As the nation's largest legal organization dedicated solely to defending religious liberty for all Americans, First Liberty Institute supports and encourages Todd Blanche's swift confirmation as the 88th United States Attorney General.

The Attorney General serves not merely as the President's chief legal advisor, but as the steward of one of our nation's most important institutions. The Department of Justice exists to uphold the Constitution, faithfully enforce the laws enacted by Congress, protect the American people, and ensure that justice is administered fairly and impartially. These ideals should be a shared bipartisan priority.

Mr. Blanche possesses the experience, judgment, and leadership necessary to guide one of our nation's most important institutions. His service as a federal prosecutor and his distinguished legal career collectively provide him with a deep understanding of the Department's mission, the responsibilities entrusted to its public servants, and the importance of maintaining the highest professional standards in the administration of justice.

The next Attorney General will confront significant challenges: combating violent crime, protecting national security, addressing the growing threat of fentanyl trafficking, defending civil rights, and ensuring that federal law is enforced consistently throughout the country. Meeting those challenges requires a leader who understands both the law and the institution he has been asked to lead.

First as Deputy Attorney General and now as Acting Attorney General, Mr. Blanche has demonstrated unwavering fidelity to the Constitution and the rule of law. Under his leadership, the Department of Justice has ensured the fair administration of justice and public safety. And as a member of the President's Religious Liberty Commission, he further demonstrated his commitment to protecting our fundamental rights. We are confident Mr. Blanche will continue the American tradition whereby core freedoms such as religious liberty and free speech flourish.

Every Attorney General faces difficult decisions that will inevitably generate disagreement. The proper question before the Senate is not whether Members agree with every future judgment, but whether the nominee possesses the character, experience, legal ability, and commitment to constitutional government necessary to faithfully discharge the office. Mr. Blanche's career demonstrates those qualities.

Recently, the Honorable Bill Barr, who understands perhaps better than anyone the qualities and characteristics necessary to succeed as Attorney General, rightly asserted the importance of "the administration's ambitious domestic-policy agenda aimed at rolling back destructive progressive policies and restoring common sense, prosperity, and public safety." We echo Mr. Barr's sentiments and concur with his strong endorsement of Mr. Blanche.

Our constitutional system depends upon strong institutions led by capable public servants. Regardless of party, the Department of Justice functions best when it is led by an Attorney General who commands the confidence of career law enforcement professionals while remaining accountable to the Constitution and the laws enacted by Congress. Confirming Mr. Blanche will strengthen both the Senate's constitutional role and the effective operation of the Executive Branch.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask you to vote to confirm Todd Blanche as Attorney General of the United States.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued service to our country.

Sincerely,



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