

July 28, 2026

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Nomination of Gregory Carl Cook to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern
District of Alabama.

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write to express our strong support for the confirmation of Alabama Supreme Court Justice Gregory Carl Cook to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. We are attorneys in Alabama who have known Greg Cook for years as a lawyer and as a Justice. While we have different law practices and political opinions, we all agree that Greg Cook would be an exceptional District Judge.

Justice Cook was raised in Florence, Alabama. After graduating from the Florence public schools, his academic achievement opened the door to Duke University. Because his family did not have the financial means to pay for Duke, Greg Cook joined the Air Force R.O.T.C. that paid for his college. Upon graduation from Duke University *magna cum laude*, Greg was commissioned in the United States Air Force and spent four years at the Pentagon, obtaining the rank of Captain. With his strong academic and military record, Greg gained admittance to Harvard Law School and *graduated magna cum laude*.

Greg then came to work at Balch & Bingham LLP in Birmingham. He worked as a civil defense litigator for thirty years. He tried real cases in real federal and state courts. Greg also spent decades working with the American Bar Association, and served as the co-chair of the ABA's Section of Litigation's Class Action & Derivative Suits Committee for three years. Greg is the co-author and editor of two books published by the ABA: *Class Action Strategy & Practice Guide* (2018) and *The Class Action Fairness Act: Law and Strategy* (2013 and 2022). He is also the author of the two-volume treatise, *Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure Annotated* (5th Edition, Thomson Reuters).

Greg is the husband of Kimberly, who serves on the Vestavia City Council. And he and Kimberly are the parents of two Eagle Scout sons, Geoffrey and Will, and a Harvard Law Review daughter, Mary Catherine.

Greg will be an outstanding federal judge as he has been an outstanding husband, father, lawyer, and Alabama Supreme Court Justice. We urge you to support his confirmation as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Respectfully,

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