

May 27, 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 in Support of the Honorable Daniel D. Domenico's Nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We are former law clerks to the Honorable Daniel D. Domenico of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. We write to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of Judge Domenico to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Each of us signs this letter in a personal capacity, and not on behalf of any current or former employer or client. We, the undersigned, constitute all of Judge Domenico's former clerks who are permitted by our employment to engage in public advocacy. We know well Judge Domenico's character, temperament, reason, and loyalty to the Constitution. We share the view that as a district court judge he has served his country with unwavering and exemplary performance, and that he will continue to do so as a federal appellate judge.

We come from a range of geographic, professional, and political backgrounds. But we are united by our firsthand experience with one of the finest judges in this country. We are unanimous in our conviction that Judge Domenico possesses the legal acumen, character, and temperament suited to the Tenth Circuit.

Judge Domenico graduated from the University of Virginia Law School, where he was an editor of the *Virginia Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. He was the first clerk to Judge Timothy Tymkovich of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, whose seat he has been nominated to fill. As Judge Tymkovich's first clerk, Judge Domenico set the example for a tight-knit community of clerks committed to public service and the rule of law.

Following his clerkship with Judge Tymkovich, Judge Domenico devoted his career to serving the people of Colorado as a litigator and later as a judge. After working as Special Assistant to the Solicitor at the U.S. Department of the Interior, Judge Domenico served for nine years as the Solicitor General of Colorado, during which time he argued before the United States Supreme Court, the Tenth Circuit, and the Colorado Supreme Court. Judge Domenico became a federal judge on the United States District Court for the District of Colorado in 2019, and became the chief judge in March 2026.

Over the last two decades, Judge Domenico has taught Advanced Constitutional Law and Natural Resource Law as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law; and Federal Courts at the University of Colorado Law School. He incorporates his role as an educator into his chambers, working diligently with clerks to improve their research, critical thinking, and writing. On the bench, Judge Domenico is known for boiling down labyrinthine fact patterns and legal thickets into clear, well-reasoned rulings. His writing is clear and concise, making his orders accessible to every litigant and to the public at large. In short, he is known for getting it right the first time.

Judge Domenico’s invaluable experience managing a high-volume district court docket—including presiding over complex civil litigation, criminal trials, and administrative appeals—will provide essential insights and practical grounding in his new role on the Tenth Circuit. His first-hand understanding of the realities facing trial judges and litigants alike offers a necessary perspective that will strengthen the appellate court’s jurisprudence.

A lifelong Coloradan, Judge Domenico’s love of his state is reflected in his work. He cares little for formalities, always reminding his clerks to call him “Dan” and taking them on field trips to search for the elusive beavers of Denver’s Confluence Park. Outside of the courtroom, he is known to clean up horse manure as a volunteer at the infamous Buffalo Bill Days Parade in Golden, Colorado. His understated demeanor belies his deep passion for the law. He is fiercely protective of individual liberties, safeguarding the First Amendment rights of churches, schools, and prisoners alike. He is keenly aware of the human cost borne by those subject to an out-of-touch or uncaring judiciary; to him there is no rote work, no case unworthy of his time. His humility is reflective of a brilliant legal mind and steadfast character that has no need for the trappings of pomp and circumstance.

Judge Domenico views clerking as a lifelong relationship. Through this relationship, Judge Domenico invests significant time in the development and mentorship of his clerks with a goal of training the next generation of legal advocates and bettering the bar. *As such*, he treats his clerks with the same respect, patience, and good-humor with which he treats colleagues and litigants. His fidelity to others is second only to his fidelity to the law. We are confident that he will be an exceptional federal appellate judge and a continuing asset to the judiciary. We strongly urge the Committee and the full Senate to confirm him without delay.

Sincerely,

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