

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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**RE: Nomination of Judge Daniel Domenico to the United States Court of Appeals
for the Tenth Circuit**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write collectively as a group of former state Solicitors General to express our support for the nomination of our former state Solicitor General colleague, Daniel D. Domenico, to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Although we come from differing backgrounds and represent varying judicial philosophies, and state interests, our professional interactions with Judge Domenico have given us confidence that he has the character and temperament necessary to serve on the Tenth Circuit with distinction.

As attorneys who frequently appear before the U.S. Courts of Appeals, we understand the qualities that make an effective judge—intellect, integrity, legal experience, and temperament—all of which Judge Domenico demonstrates in abundance. In our former State Solicitor General capacities, we came to know then Colorado Solicitor General, now Judge Domenico as a skilled advocate with an approachable manner, someone we could rely upon for guidance and leadership on matters of common concern. Though we have served under different state Attorneys General, we unanimously agree that Judge Domenico exhibits the personal and professional qualities befitting a federal court of appeals judge.

Judge Domenico has had a distinguished legal career and is particularly well qualified to serve on the Tenth Circuit. He earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2000 and thereafter served as the first law clerk to Tenth Circuit Judge Timothy M. Tymkovich. Following his clerkship, Judge Domenico served as a Special Assistant to the Solicitor in the United States Department of the Interior before being

appointed Colorado Solicitor General. He held that position for nearly a decade, from 2006 to 2015, during which time many of us worked with him regularly. After a period in private practice, Judge Domenico was nominated and confirmed as a district court judge for the District of Colorado in 2019.

Over the course of his career, Judge Domenico has briefed and argued numerous appellate cases, including two before the Supreme Court of the United States. Since joining the district court in 2019, he has presided over a broad range of civil and criminal matters, including jury and bench trials, and has developed an excellent reputation as a district court judge. Based on our experience as appellate practitioners, we believe these qualifications make Judge Domenico an exceptional candidate for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

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