

May 11, 2026

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Benjamin Flowers to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write to support Benjamin Flowers' nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. We all served as law clerks at the United States Supreme Court in October Term 2014, when Ben was clerking for Justice Antonin Scalia. We have therefore had the opportunity to observe firsthand Ben's aptitude for judicial work. We have a wide range of legal and political perspectives, yet we are united in our belief that Ben is well qualified for the judicial position to which he has been nominated.

We need not recite Ben's impressive resume. His record of professional achievement comes as no surprise to those who spent an intense year working alongside him. Those of us who worked for Justice Scalia came to appreciate Ben's legal acumen, his intellectual curiosity, his dedication to the rule of law, and his ability to complete his work at lightning speed. He brought the same rigorous attention to every case, irrespective of the parties or the issues involved.

Those of us in other chambers had the opportunity to work with him, too. At the Supreme Court, law clerks often communicate across chambers as they seek to understand the knotty legal issues that make their way to the Court. In the course of that work, we came to know him as a bright and diligent lawyer. He worked on unraveling some of the most challenging issues before the Court that term. And we could always count on a good dose of laughter alongside his unvarnished perspective on a case. Even when disagreeing with other clerks, Ben used his—typically witty, often self-deprecating—sense of humor to promote collegiality.

We have no doubt that Ben would bring his intelligence, integrity, and independence to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. We believe him to be well qualified to serve as a circuit judge and hope that these reflections will aid this Committee's consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,*

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Judd E. Stone II (Law clerk to Justice Scalia)

Vivek Suri (Law clerk to Justice Scalia)

Andrew J. Bentz (Law clerk to Justice Kennedy)

Kathryn Cherry (Law clerk to Chief Justice Roberts)

Jamie Crooks (Law clerk to Justice Kennedy)

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Daniel Hemel (Law clerk to Justice Kagan)

Ari Holtzblatt (Law clerk to Justice Ginsburg)

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