June 5, 2026

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

We write in wholehearted support of President Donald J. Trump's nomination of Michael C. Martin to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. As the heads of key law enforcement offices in the Eastern District of Michigan, we represent a range of political affiliations and backgrounds and have diverse views. But through our personal experience working with Mike, we are united in our view that he has the experience, intelligence, and temperament necessary to serve with distinction as a United States District Judge in the Eastern District of Michigan. We endorse his nomination enthusiastically and without reservation.

Mike has served with distinction in various roles during his 18-year career at the United States Attorney's Office (USAO). As an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Mike excelled in handling the most complex and important cases. From terrorism, trade secrets matters and export control violations, to firearms and violent crime, Mike excelled as a prosecutor. For instance, he skillfully handled the case of the so-called "underwear bomber," Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who attempted to attack a Northwest Airlines flight in 2010 with explosives hidden in his underwear. Mike also successfully tried two men for the attempted murder of a local and highly regarded Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) undercover Special Agent.

In recognition of his exceptional talent, intellect, and sound judgment, Mike was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, Chief of the National

Security Unit, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, and most recently, Chief of the Criminal Division. In these roles, Mike has showcased his skills as a leader, mentor, and advisor to multiple United States Attorneys and their executive staff. As Chief of the Criminal Division, Mike has confidently led the office, dramatically reversing the trend of historically low prosecutions. His work resulted in the second-highest number of prosecutions in office history this past fiscal year.

In the Eastern District of Michigan, we have exceptionally strong state and federal law enforcement partnerships, which have been essential to fulfill our collective mission to protect the public. Mike has played a critical role in establishing, developing, and solidifying these important partnerships. For instance, when Ayman Ghazali committed a terror attack at the Temple Israel Synagogue in West Bloomfield, Michigan in March 2026, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent in Charge, Jennifer Runyon, immediately reached out to the USAO for assistance in drafting search warrants and obtaining other legal process to aid the FBI and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in their investigation. Because of the strong relationships nurtured under Mike's leadership, the USAO provided timely and robust round-the-clock support to the investigation. As another example, in October 2025, when the FBI thwarted a plot by several young extremists to commit a terror attack on Halloween, Mike not only led the USAO's considerable investigative effort to support the FBI, he rolled up his sleeves and personally conducted legal research, drafted and edited legal documents, and provided real time advice to agents in the field. The investigative team relied extensively upon Mike's considerable experience to thwart an imminent attack. Finally, in the summer of 2025, Detroit Police Department Chief Todd Bettison contacted the USAO for help with quelling a violent gang war that had erupted within the city. Mike again spearheaded the effort to reallocate resources within the USAO to support the Chief's call to action, resulting in numerous federal prosecutions and a significant decrease in violence.

Mike is an experienced prosecutor who has analyzed complex legal issues, exercised sound judgment, and made difficult decisions in critical matters affecting public safety. Mike is one of the hardest working and most dedicated attorneys in the USAO. He is also a man of deep integrity, sound judgment, and humility. We are confident that Mike will be a fair, impartial judge if confirmed. We respectfully urge

the Senate to promptly consider and confirm Mike as a district judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Todd Bettison, Chief, Detroit Police Department

Owen Cypher, United States Marshal, Detroit Division

James Deir, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Detroit Division

Matthew R. Kupec, Resident Agent in Charge, Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State, Detroit Division

Jared Murphey, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Homeland Security Investigations, Detroit Division

Jennifer Runyon, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit Division, in my personal capacity