

July 26, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter in support of Bradley Garcia, nominee for United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

We, the undersigned current and former prosecutors and law enforcement officials, write to the Senate Judiciary Committee in full support of President Joe Biden's nomination of Bradley Garcia to be a judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

As prosecutors and law enforcement officials, we recognize the vital role of the United States Courts of Appeals in the American judicial system. Appellate courts are fundamental to the rights, safety, and livelihood of both the American people and institutions. Therefore, we do not take this endorsement lightly.

Brad Garcia is an accomplished, principled, and effective attorney with extensive appellate experience. Mr. Garcia has represented clients in over 50 cases in federal and state appellate courts and has directly argued more than a dozen appeals, including one before the Supreme Court, ten in federal circuit courts, and two before state appeals courts. Prior to joining the Department of Justice as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel, a role that requires impressive legal and constitutional acumen, Garcia served as a partner in O'Melveny & Myers LLP's Supreme Court and Appellate Practice Group. Meanwhile, he also served on the Supreme Court and Appellate Advisory Board of the MacArthur Justice Center.

Throughout his accomplished career, Mr. Garcia has built a demonstrated and undeniable record as being impartial, civil, respectful, considerate, intellectually rigorous, and dedicated to building consensus and understanding. As a result, Mr. Garcia has earned not only the respect and admiration of the undersigned individuals, but also his colleagues, opposing attorneys, judges, clients, and beyond.

Mr. Garcia is a brilliant legal mind and will be a great asset to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and the federal judiciary. After graduating with a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School, Mr. Garcia clerked in some of the nation's highest courts for both Republican and Democratic appointed jurists: Judge Thomas B. Griffith on the D.C. Circuit and then for Associate Justice Elena Kagan on the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Garcia's commitment to bridging ideological divides extends far beyond his clerkships. He has consistently demonstrated the collegiality, humility, commitment to building

consensus, openness to discussion, and dedication to fairness we would hope to see in someone on the federal appellate bench.

Additionally, Mr. Garcia has a clear commitment to public service and the pursuit of fairness for all, respect for the rule of law, and love for the American constitution. To that end, throughout his time in private practice, Mr. Garcia built a robust pro-bono practice, dedicating endless hours each year to the representation of underserved communities.

Mr. Garcia unquestionably has the temperament, values, experience, intellect, and judgment needed to serve as an appellate jurist. He is deeply qualified for this position and will be an exceptional addition to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

We are proud to support Bradley Garcia's nomination, and we urge the Senate to confirm him to the D.C. Circuit promptly.

*Please note: the undersigned individuals have signed on to this letter in their personal capacities and not in any official capacity.*

Sincerely,

Steve Brody, Director, Tobacco Litigation Team, Department of Justice (2001 to 2006)

Mary Patrice Brown, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (2010 to 2012)

Matthew J. Berns, New Jersey

Paul J. Fishman, US Attorney, District of New Jersey (2009 to 2017)

Anwar Graves, Assistant US Attorney, District of Columbia (2014 to 2019)

Walter C. Holton, US Attorney, Middle District of North Carolina (1994 to 2001)

Greg Jacob, Solicitor of Labor, Department of Labor (2007 to 2009)

Ronald C. Machen, US Attorney, District of Columbia (2010 to 2015)

Andrew Macurdy, Assistant US Attorney, District of New Jersey (2018 to 2021)

Matthew J. Platkin, New Jersey

Daniel R. Suvor, Chief of Policy, California Department of Justice (2014 to 2017)