VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Chairman

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Ranking Member

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

Re: Nomination of Andrew S. Oldham as Circuit Judge,
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

We write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Andrew Oldham to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and to urge prompt consideration and confirmation of his nomination.

As present and former partners in the law firm of Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick, P.L.L.C., we had the good fortune to work with Andy between his clerkship for Justice Alito and his work for the Texas Attorney General. In the years he spent as our colleague, Andy distinguished himself as a gifted lawyer and staunch friend. He has a penetrating legal mind. His writing is excellent: concise, clear, and compelling. And he has one of the most positive and constructive working styles of any attorney in our experience.

Andy also has a deep respect for the law and will approach his new position with unstinting dedication and energy. He is a person of great integrity and modesty, and we are confident that he will decide cases in a way that reflects those values. He will work with colleagues in a manner that is courteous, collegial, and engaged. Andy treats everyone he meets with respect and generosity, and those qualities will shine through in his new position.

We are Democrats, independents, and Republicans. Many of us have served in government, some during Republican and some during Democratic administrations; some of us have served in both. We have clerked for Supreme Court justices and appellate and district court judges appointed by Democratic and Republican presidents. We represent a broad spectrum of views on politics, judicial philosophy, and many other subjects as well. But we all agree that Andy Oldham is superbly qualified for confirmation to the position of Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

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Very truly yours,

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