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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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Re: Nomination of Paul Matey as Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

We write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Paul Matey as Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Matey worked for two years as an associate at our law firm in Washington, D.C., now called Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick, P.L.L.C.

We all either worked directly with Mr. Matey or know of his exceptional reputation from his time at the firm. We are Democrats, Republicans, and independents, and we have a wide range of views on politics, judicial philosophy, and much else. Yet we unanimously support Mr. Matey's nomination. Mr. Matey is a superb lawyer and an equally stellar person. He is empathetic, humble and fair-minded. He gives deep consideration to every issue, and to every person he encounters. He is thorough, careful and collaborative – an ideal skill set for the work of an appellate court. Many of the undersigned have been privileged to work as clerks on the federal courts of appeals, and all of us feel he is extraordinarily well-qualified to serve as a judge.

As we worked closely with Mr. Matey, we had the opportunity to observe his approach to the law, often in high-pressure environments including jury trials and significant appeals. In

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every case, he demonstrated a strong work ethic, a sharp intellect, and a deep respect for our legal system. He always conducted himself with professionalism and integrity.

In one case, Mr. Matey worked closely and successfully with our partner (now Supreme Court Justice) Neil Gorsuch, to untangle a complex federal securities claim against a leading entrepreneur; in another he helped a struggling charity hospital to recover a large sum from an insurance company that had attempted to put the hospital out of business; as an appellate lawyer, he had an important role in several of our cases before the federal courts of appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court, helping draft briefs that were clear and persuasive. He is familiar with all sides, having worked for plaintiffs and defendants, appellants and appellees. To every client he devoted zealous and scrupulous efforts, and earned wide respect from all his colleagues – partners and associates, staff counsel and paralegals, administrative staff and others – and his clients.

Mr. Matey is extremely qualified for the position of Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. From our experience working with him, we believe that Mr. Matey has the intellect, character, and temperament to be an excellent addition to the federal bench. We urge your support for his prompt consideration and confirmation to this important position.

Very truly yours,

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