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April 3, 2018

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Support of Nomination of David Porter to the Third Circuit
Court of Appeals**

Dear Senators Grassley and Feinstein:

I write in support of David Porter's nomination to be a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

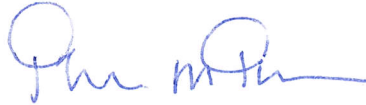
I have known David for over 20 years, initially as a young associate lawyer and then as my law firm partner at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC. David has tried cases for several of my business clients and has also provided excellent counsel to me and my clients on other litigation related business law matters. I have found him to be a very thoughtful, bright and judicious lawyer who had valuable experience as a law clerk on the federal district court and through his litigation career. David also served as a protégé of our former partner, now judge, Mark Hornak, during much of his early career, particularly on constitutional and First Amendment matters. I believe David Porter would be an excellent addition to our Court of Appeals.

I am a staunch Democrat. However, particularly at the Court of Appeals level, I believe it more critical than ideology to have a solid thoughtful judicial temperament coupled with character, intelligence and the ability to function in a judicial setting. I strongly believe that David has all of these attributes expected of a judge on the Court of Appeals. He has the type of legal judgment, respect for precedent, temperament and calming influence that is much needed on the bench no matter which political leaning.

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I am hopeful that your Committee and the Senate vote in favor of David's nomination to our Court of Appeals.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom M. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "M".

Thomas M. Thompson