

September 27, 2023

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

The undersigned law enforcement officers submit this letter in support of the nomination of Micah Smith to the distinguished position of Federal Judge in the United States District Court in Hawaii. Each undersigned law enforcement officer has worked closely with Micah in his current position as an Assistant United States Attorney of the District of Hawaii.

As case agents and task force officers on many federal and state prosecutions, varying from simple to long term investigations of criminal organizations involving state, county, and federal law enforcement agencies, we worked closely with Micah. During these long-term complex investigations Micah was involved in every aspect of the investigation: from writing search warrants, Title III (wiretap applications), meeting and interviewing cooperating witnesses, defendants, and the planning of legal strategy. Through these complex investigations he developed the experience in investigating and prosecuting successful cases.

Micah's ability to coordinate and collaborate with various law enforcement agencies from other states and cities was a key reason for successful prosecutions. His dedication and willingness to work late into the night, early morning hours through holidays and weekends is a testament to his commitment to his peers and the community. It is our belief that he will bring that same passion and work ethic to his duties as a federal judge.

Finally, we observed Micah interacting with defense counsel, defendants, witness and law enforcement agencies and he has a reputation of being honest, straightforward, firm and fair. These are qualities that distinguished him as a federal prosecutor. They will serve him well as a federal judge. We therefore support his nomination to be a federal judge in the district of Hawaii.

Very Respectfully,

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