

November 18, 2024

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
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

Re: Nomination of Magistrate Judge Benjamin Cheeks to the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Magistrate Judge Benjamin Cheeks to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. Having worked alongside Judge Cheeks during my tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the Southern District of California, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand his exceptional legal acumen, unwavering commitment to justice, and impeccable character.

Judge Cheeks's legal career exemplifies a profound dedication to public service and the rule of law. During our time as AUSAs, I observed his ability to handle complex cases with both diligence and skill. When Judge Cheeks transitioned to defense work, I worked with him on opposite sides of a challenging case. Despite the complexities and pressures involved, Judge Cheeks navigated his client's defense with an extraordinary level of professionalism, integrity, and respect for all parties involved. His efforts ensured that his client's rights were zealously protected while maintaining the highest ethical standards.

As a magistrate judge, Judge Cheeks has continued to earn the respect of colleagues and litigants alike. He is known for his even temperament, thoughtful rulings, and deep understanding of the law. His ability to manage cases efficiently while treating all parties with dignity and respect has made him an outstanding judicial officer.

Judge Cheeks's combination of prosecutorial experience, defense advocacy, and judicial service makes him uniquely well-qualified for the position of U.S. District Court Judge. I have no doubt that he will serve with distinction, further strengthening the judiciary and upholding the principles of fairness and justice that are foundational to our legal system.

Thank you for considering this letter in support of Judge Cheeks's nomination.

Sincerely,



Andrew Galvin