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Senator Charles Grassley, Chairman  
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Senator Dick Durbin, Ranking Member  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Brett Shumate

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate:

We are partners in the law firm Jones Day. I am pleased to deliver this letter which expresses our enthusiastic support for the confirmation by the United States Senate of our former partner, Brett Shumate, as Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division at the United States Department of Justice. Our partnership holds a broad range of policy and jurisprudential views, but we are united in our view, based on our experience and knowledge of Brett and his work, that he is highly qualified to lead the Civil Division.

Jones Day presently has approximately 2,500 lawyers in 40 offices across five continents. It ranks among the very largest law firms in the world. Jones Day began its existence as a law partnership in Ohio more than 130 years ago. We are proud of the contributions our colleagues have made in the service of this nation. Our former partner, Judge Gregory Katsas of the D.C. Circuit, served as Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division from 2008-2009. We very much hope that our former partner, Brett Shumate, will now be confirmed to hold that office.

Brett is an intelligent and principled lawyer with unwavering integrity and outstanding discernment. During his prior service in the Civil Division as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Federal Programs Branch from 2017-2019, Brett was a skilled advocate who worked tirelessly to faithfully represent the interests of the United States in every case and matter on which he worked. Indeed, the *National Law Journal* described Brett as the Justice Department's "point man in court" and "first line of defense" who is "very, very sharp" and has "outstanding litigation judgment." In private practice at Jones Day, Brett continued to deliver compelling arguments in multiple federal district and appellate courts on behalf of our clients. He is a strategic, meticulous decision maker who brings to every legal problem an open mind and an uncompromising commitment to the rule of law.

Brett has excelled throughout his academic and legal career. He graduated, *magna cum laude*, from Furman University in 2003 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his law

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degree, *magna cum laude*, from Wake Forest University in 2006, where he was elected to Order of the Coif and served as Executive Editor of the *Wake Forest Law Review*. He then served as a federal law clerk to Judge Edith H. Jones on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

We hope and trust that Brett's integrity, proven leadership abilities, and dedication to serving our country with distinction will be recognized by your action to confirm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg M. Shumaker", with a stylized, flowing script.

Gregory M. Shumaker

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