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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate

**Re: Letter of Support of the Nomination of D. John Sauer to Serve as
Solicitor General of the United States**

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

John Sauer is a great American and a true patriot. He exemplifies an unwavering commitment to the rule of law, elite public service, and a heart filled with humility. I worked with John regularly during his five year tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney from 2008 to 2013. John demonstrated extraordinary legal ability at all levels, including exceptional skill in analyzing complex legal issues and appellate matters.

John also possessed essential intangible qualities. His professionalism and integrity were unassailable. John had the exceptional capacity to successfully handle the most complex cases in our office. Yet, he also had the humility to work on serious, but more "routine" cases; particularly if it meant he could help protect a member of the community or assist his colleagues. As a testament to his character, despite his weighty accomplishments and exceptional ability, John habitually functioned as a teammate, never seeking praise or to draw attention to himself.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly support John's nomination to serve as Solicitor General of the United States, and respectfully encourage the Committee to advance his nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael A. Reilly".

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