

July 3, 2024

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Letter of Support for the Honorable Noël Wise, Nominee for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

The riders of the 2023 Southern Tier bicycle tour write to proudly and enthusiastically support the nomination of the Honorable Noël Wise to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. We are confident that her service on this court will benefit our nation.

By way of background, the Southern Tier is a bicycle route across the country starting in California and ending in Florida. The route is rich in both human culture and history - ranging from the Spanish and Mexican influences in California, to the ancient indigenous pueblo cultures in Arizona and New Mexico, to the imprint of the Spanish conquistadors in Texas, the bayous and French influences of Louisiana, the southern states of Mississippi and Alabama, and ending in a four-hundred-year-old city in Florida.

On March 9, 2023, 25 riders including Judge Wise started the cross-country trip in San Diego, California and rode to St. Augustine, Florida, travelling over 3,000 miles in 58 days. The trip challenged us physically and mentally. We encountered adversity ranging from flat tires to a near hurricane as we rode an average of 63 miles per day across the nation. Our longest day was 119 miles, and our shortest was 23 miles. We very quickly learned to rely on each other to ensure our safety each day. Throughout our time together, Judge Wise demonstrated perseverance, determination, and remarkable composure. Even though she was a cycling novice when we started the trip, we are proud to report that she completed 3,017 miles.

We hail from all walks of life, from nearly every region around the country (and the world), with significantly different political perspectives and backgrounds. We are doctors, nurses, teachers, members of the armed services, and leaders in companies, organizations, and communities. Based upon the time we spent with Judge Wise, we can say with confidence that she is unfailingly

collegial, respectful, observant, committed to completing the task at hand, and an absolute joy to be around. Quite simply, she will get the job done with a rare combination of grace and grit.

We proudly stand together to celebrate Judge Wise's nomination and urge her swift confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

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