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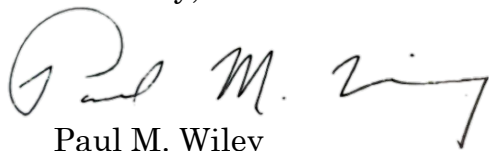
I write in support of Toby Heytens' nomination to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

I have known Toby for nearly fifteen years, from the time I joined the collegiate mock trial program at the University of Virginia. You will have received letters of support from across the mock trial community, including other former competitors Toby trained, coaches and students his teams competed against, and American Mock Trial Association board members he served with. Their experiences with Toby match my own—his mentorship, his generosity with his time and attention, and his incisive brilliance; I echo their words and sentiments in their entirety.

My experience differs only in the regard that, outside of mock trial, I have litigated both with and against Toby in his role as Virginia's Solicitor General. What I saw of him operating in that role exemplifies why he is such an extraordinary choice for the bench. The law is not an abstraction to Toby: he is conscious of the tangible ways in which laws and judicial decisions and legal strategies affect real lives. That clear-eyed view of the world is an exceptional gift when paired with Toby's intelligence and compassion.

Toby will be a tremendous addition to the Fourth Circuit. As a lifelong Virginian and practicing member of the Virginia bar, I am overjoyed at the thought of Toby occupying a seat that shapes the legal landscape in Virginia. I look forward to seeing him advanced by your Committee and confirmed by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Wiley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

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