

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
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## **Re: Nomination of Justin R. Walker to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit**

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We are writing to enthusiastically support our fellow Kentuckian, Judge Justin Walker, on his nomination to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. We applaud President Trump's decision to go beyond the Washington Beltway to choose Judge Walker, a rising judicial star with impeccable credentials, a dedication to the law, and an impressive reputation for collegiality.

Judge Walker, born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, is an outstanding legal scholar with exceptional academic credentials. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Duke University and *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School. Following his formal education, he sharpened his legal skills at the highest levels, including premier clerkships with then-Judge Brett Kavanaugh on the D.C. Circuit and Justice Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Walker then brought his talents back home to Kentucky, where he practiced law and taught as a tenure-track professor at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law before starting his service on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky.

Judge Walker is a talented and fair jurist who reveres the Constitution and our nation's founding principles. He understands that the job of a judge is to interpret and apply the laws and the Constitution as they are actually written. The country will benefit from having this brilliant, principled, and fair-minded legal expert on this consequential bench.

With a reputation for thoughtfulness and a strong work ethic, Judge Walker has earned the respect of his colleagues and students. During his confirmation to the district court, the Senate Judiciary Committee received more than a dozen support letters, signed by more than 200 Kentuckians who have known Judge Walker as a teacher, a colleague, and a friend. These letters discussed his thoroughly impressive background as well as his exceedingly kind and decent character.

Simply put, Judge Walker will serve our country, its Constitution, and all its people extraordinarily well as a judge on the D.C. Circuit. We urge our Senate colleagues to join us in support of Judge Justin Walker's confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of this important nomination.

Sincerely,



Mitch McConnell  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



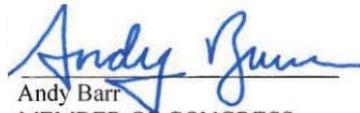
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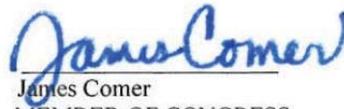
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