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Submitted by Senator Alexander:

United States Attorneys for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Charles E.
("Chuck") Atchley Jr., support letter

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November 10, 2020

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

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Confirmation of Charles E. Atchley, Jr., for United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We, the signatories below, are the currently serving and former United States Attorneys for the Eastern District of Tennessee. We write today in support of the nomination of Charles E. ("Chuck") Atchley, Jr., as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. We have worked with and know Chuck personally and can vouch for his outstanding reputation. He has been a fair and extraordinarily effective Assistant U.S. Attorney, serving the last three years as First Assistant U.S. Attorney. He previously served as an Assistant District Attorney General in Tennessee's 4th Judicial District. Chuck is a person of the highest integrity and superbly qualified to serve as a U.S. District Judge. We support his nomination unequivocally and without reservation.

As the current and former U.S. Attorneys, we are in a unique position to evaluate the qualifications for this most important appointment. The federal judiciary stands as the bulwark for American democracy, and Chuck is well suited and prepared to join the ranks of other federal judges for this significant assignment. Chuck understands justice and will protect the public while building trust in the community and respecting the individual rights enshrined in the Constitution. We have no doubt Chuck will excel in every aspect of the job.

Chuck has an outstanding record of achievement. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BA degree in history and earned his J.D. degree from the Cumberland School at Law at Samford University. He served a brief time in private practice before joining the District Attorney General's Office for the 4th Judicial District of Tennessee, serving as an Assistant District Attorney General. In 2001, Chuck joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee and has served there with distinction for nearly twenty years. He understands the complexities of the law as well, as the rules of evidence and procedure, and the importance of the role of the federal judiciary in the interpretation and application of the same.

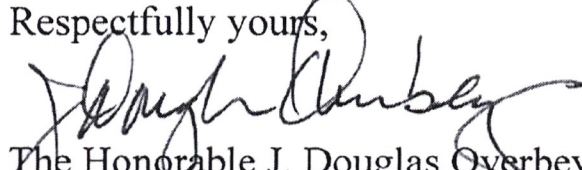
Chuck has also shown a commitment to public service, having served on many non-profit boards in the community. As a federal judge, he will bring the same commitment to serving the public faithfully that he has demonstrated throughout his distinguished career.

Finally, we know Chuck is an honest, decent, and courageous person. From the years we have known him, we have never seen Chuck act improperly in any way, publicly or privately. We

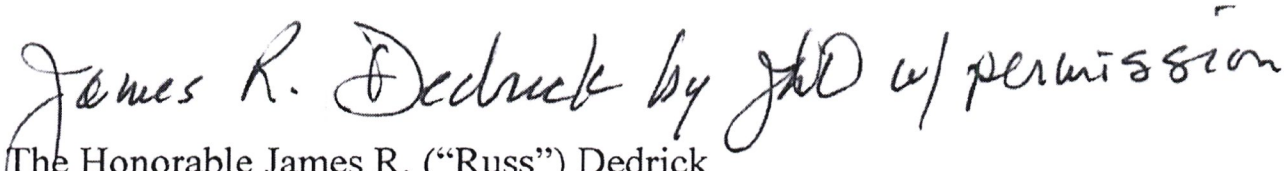
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have no reason to doubt that he would serve as a circumspect and bold, brilliant federal judge. As current and former officials of the Justice Department, we offer our unqualified and enthusiastic support for Chuck Atchley's nomination as United State District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee and strongly urge your support of his confirmation.

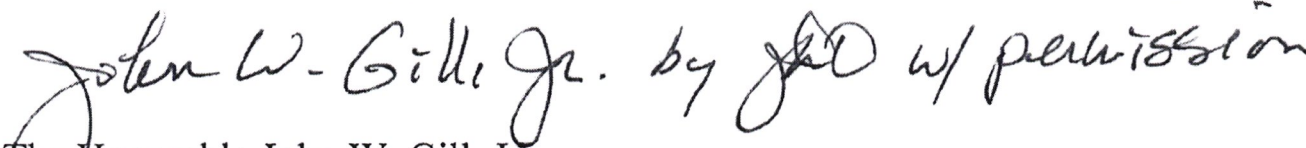
Respectfully yours,



The Honorable J. Douglas Overbey
United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee
2017 – Present



The Honorable James R. ("Russ") Dedrick
United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee
1990 – 1991 – Court Appointed; 2001 – 2010 – Court Appointed and Presidentially Appointed
United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina
1992 – 1993 – Court Appointed



The Honorable John W. Gill, Jr.
United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee
1981 – 1991