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Chairman King and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

With honor and delight, I speak on behalf of Caleb Stegall, the nominee for the open Court of Appeals position. I have known Mr. Stegall and his family since he was in law school, and I had been a prosecutor for about seven years. Most of my interactions with Mr. Stegall have been outside the legal realm and have provided an opportunity to view and know his character. However, we have shared various aspects of criminal prosecution and have engaged in many discussions about the law and jurisprudence.

From those interactions and observations, I wholeheartedly recommend Mr. Stegall for this position. Having served more than twenty years in this State as a prosecutor, with the many trials and appeals commensurate with such a career, I have no doubt that Mr. Stegall will ensure the Constitutional rights of all will be safeguarded and that he will fairly and impartially render decisions based on the evidence and the applicable law. I also know from the many semi-monthly meetings attended over the past decade with Mr. Stegall, that he carefully listens to information provided and makes decisions in a deliberative and appropriate manner that reflects he has a good "judicial temperament."

Furthermore, while Mr. Stegall is often one of the brightest individuals in a group or room, his humility and concern for the feelings of others present, is a brief glimpse into his character and interactions with others. That character is what propelled Mr. Stegall to pursue his legal career in various fashions but able to represent a very diverse nature of clients. That diversity in legal settings and clients has enabled Mr. Stegall to be exposed to all aspects of the terrain that will be present before the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Therefore, Mr. Stegall's character, keen mind, legal acumen, diverse clientele, and broad legal experience qualifies him for this honor as a Judge with the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

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