

June 10, 2020

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

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Nomination of Cory T. Wilson as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for
the Fifth Circuit

Dear Chairman Graham and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I submit this letter in support of the nomination of Judge Cory T. Wilson for a seat on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

I am former Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit Court District in Mississippi and have known Cory as an attorney, who practiced before me and as a colleague as we worked on cases together. From these experiences, I can attest that no one works harder in this profession than Judge Wilson. When we were representing clients, Cory would normally prepare the first draft of pleadings and send it to me to review. Seldom were there any reasons to make any changes because he utilized his legal abilities to navigate through the complexities of the legal issues which resulted in a well thought out, plausible argument.

During Judge Wilson's investiture as a Judge on the Mississippi Court of Appeals, I had the pleasure of being one of the speakers. I spoke about three traits of Judge Wilson - (1) Respect, (2) Character and (3) Legal Intelligence. To keep this letter to a respectful length, I will not repeat everything I said but the essence is, Cory respects everyone he comes into contact with, he does not change who he is because of race or political affiliations and his ability allow him to break through legal jargon and get to the point.

Judge Wilson and I are quite different – I am Black and he is White. I am older and he is younger. I am a Democrat and was a Republican (before he became a judge). I live in the majority African American City of Jackson, Mississippi and he lives in a suburb of Jackson. Yet these differences have become our strengths. We often have lunch and discuss the pressing issues of

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the day as friends. He has sought my advice, based on my judicial experience, on how to be a better judge. And while we may disagree on some matters, in the end we realize that we are just two lawyers who want our communities to be better and we know that having a fair judiciary is one of the ways to make that happen.

If you need any additional information or have any question, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Gibbs Travis PLLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Gibbs", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Robert L. Gibbs

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