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The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Stephanos Bibas to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Professor Stephanos Bibas to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. We are a diverse group of law professors who represent a broad range of perspectives. We do not necessarily agree with the views or policies of the current administration. But we are united in our belief that Professor Bibas is superbly qualified to serve as a federal appellate judge, and we urge the Senate to confirm him.

Professor Bibas' credentials are impeccable. He was educated at Columbia University, Oxford University, and Yale Law School. He clerked for Justice Anthony Kennedy on the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Patrick Higginbotham on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. After working as an associate at a law firm and as a federal prosecutor, Professor Bibas began teaching. He has distinguished himself as a professor at the University of Iowa College of Law and at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. While at the University of Pennsylvania he has also served as the Director of the Law School's Supreme Court Clinic, and he has litigated a wide range of cases in that role.

Professor Bibas is widely respected in academia both as a scholar and as a person. His influential contributions to criminal law and procedure scholarship demonstrate a commitment to values of dignity, healing, and respect for all persons in criminal justice, and they are rigorous, balanced, and constructive. His fair-mindedness, conscientiousness, and personal integrity are beyond question. We have no doubt that his judicial temperament will reflect these qualities and that he will faithfully discharge his duty to apply the law fairly and even-handedly in all matters before him.

In short, Professor Bibas will make an excellent addition to the Third Circuit. We strongly urge his confirmation.

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