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The Honorable Donald Trump
President-Elect of the United States
Transition Team Headquarters
1800 F. St, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President-Elect:

I write to formally support the consideration of the Honorable David Stras as a candidate to fill the current vacancy in the United States Supreme Court.

It was encouraging to learn that Justice Stras was under early consideration by your administration to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to affirm my support for his nomination. Justice Stras currently serves as an Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court and, at a young age, is already recognized as one of the nation's premier legal minds in the areas of federal courts, constitutional law, and in his own words, the "proper, limited role of the judiciary."

Justice Stras is no stranger to the highest Court in the land. He served as a clerk for the Honorable Clarence Thomas of the Supreme Court in 2003 and also gained valuable experience during his clerkships for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Ninth Circuits. Moreover, his law review articles have appeared in many academic journals, including the Cornell Law Review, Texas Law Review, Georgetown Law Journal, Northwestern Law Review, Constitutional Commentary, and the Minnesota Law Review. Stras' conservative credentials are without question, and includes numerous contributions to the highly regarded work of the Federalist Society.

Nominating Justice Stras as the newest Justice on the United States Supreme Court would signal your Administration's commitment to upholding Justice Scalia's originalist and textualist approach for decades to come. I firmly believe that Justice Stras will serve as a strong defender of the Constitution on the court and hope you will give his nomination due consideration.

Please contact Christopher Maneval, Legislative Director in Representative Tom Emmer's office at Christopher.Maneval@mail.house.gov should you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer
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