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Chairman King and Members of the Committee:

As a founding board member of Family Promise of Lawrence, I am delighted that Governor Brownback has nominated Caleb Stegall for the Kansas Court of Appeals.

I know Mr. Stegall to be extremely well-versed in constitutional law and a man adept at civil discourse and guided by principles that transcend partisanship.

Caleb was instrumental in helping congregations in Lawrence assert before the City of Lawrence their constitution right to shelter and serve homeless children and their families. Because of his legal expertise and respectful negotiating skills, Family Promise has been able to provide food, shelter and other assistance in partnership with 35 faith congregations in our community. In five years of service, scores of families with children, half of whom are under the age of seven, have become permanently housed with jobs and other resources needed to remain stable, at no cost to the city or county. This shining example of a community coming together to address an urgent need might not have been possible without Mr. Stegall's expertise and generous advocacy.

Respectfully,

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