

The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

Phone: (406) 395-4478 or 4210 - Finance Office
(406) 395-4282 or 4321 - Business Committee

96 Clinic Road
Box Elder, Montana 59521

August 2, 2022

VIA U.S. MAIL

Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support of Anthony Johnstone's nomination as a federal judge for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

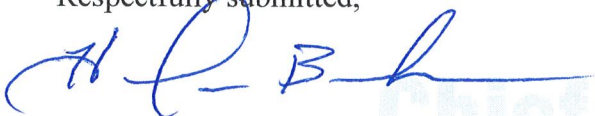
The Chippewa Cree Tribe writes to express our support of Anthony Johnstone's nomination as a federal judge for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Johnstone will bring a much-needed Montana voice to the Court, in addition to bringing valuable experience in Federal Law and Indian Law. The Tribe strongly supports Johnstone's appointment.

While serving as the Helen and David Mason Professor of Law at the University of Montana, Johnstone has shown his expertise in Federal and State Constitutional Law, Legislation, Election Law, and Jurisprudence. Johnstone will bring valuable experience in Indian Law to the Ninth Circuit, as he has demonstrated through his integration of Indian Law into his work and courses. Further, Johnstone has also taught a course on Indian Voting Rights, signaling that he understands the issues affecting Indian Country and the complexities it brings. Due to the high volume of Indian Law cases before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, it is important to have a member who has immense experience in the field of Indian Law.

His deep roots in Montana and his devotion to public service are admirable. Johnstone served as the Montana Solicitor General under Governor Bullock, where he represented the State in major Constitutional Law cases. Further, he has worked on multiple cases before the Ninth Circuit and clerked for the Honorable Sidney R. Thomas. His ties to Montana and his experience within the State indicate that he is well suited for the position.

Anthony Johnstone shows a commitment to the State of Montana and to Indian Country. He would make an excellent addition to the Court. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Harlan Baker
Chairman of the Chippewa Cree Tribe