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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS/OVERNIGHT

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
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**Re: Support for the Confirmation of Federal Magistrate Judge Robert S. Ballou
to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

We write to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of the Honorable Robert S. Ballou to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

We are a diverse group of lawyers, practicing in a variety of fields and representing clients in both civil and criminal matters. We share a common commitment to the support of the criminal and civil justice systems in the Western District. In that regard, together, we write to demonstrate our strong and uniform endorsement of Judge Ballou.

We know Judge Ballou through his service as Magistrate Judge; many of us knew him personally and professionally prior to his taking the bench, when he was a talented civil defense lawyer. He practiced with great competence and integrity.

We believe Judge Ballou is particularly well-qualified. He possesses those characteristics necessary to discharge the critical judicial obligations of the District Court with skill, integrity, fairness, and compassion. We strongly support Judge Ballou's confirmation.

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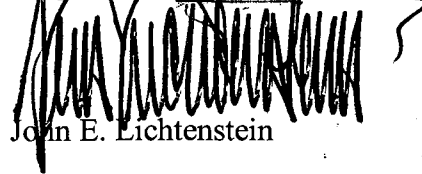
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Thank you for your kind consideration in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,



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