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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nominations of Michael Farbiarz and Judge Robert Kirsch to the United States District Court of the District of New Jersey

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write on behalf of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey (“AFBNJ”)¹ in unwavering support of the nominations of Michael Farbiarz and the Honorable Robert Kirsch to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Both Mr. Farbiarz and Judge Kirsch are extremely qualified to serve as United States District Court judges. Each has superb intellectual ability, impeccable integrity, extensive experience in public service, the appropriate temperament for a member of the judiciary, and unquestionable work ethic. The Association is confident that each nominee will serve the citizens of New Jersey well.

Accordingly, we strongly urge their confirmation in the upcoming Senate Judiciary Committee hearings. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Solano Jr.
President

cc: Honorable Cory A. Booker
Honorable Robert Menendez

¹ Established in 1789, the District of New Jersey is the oldest and largest undivided district court in the nation. For the past 50 years, the AFBNJ has served as the voice of the federal bar in New Jersey, supporting both the Court and the attorneys who practice here by offering educational, training and social events throughout the year and connecting the federal bench and bar to address issues of court administration and federal practice. The Association has over 800 members representing the federal litigants who continue to be adversely impacted by the judicial backlog created by these vacancies. Over the past five decades, our Association has been led by several distinguished attorneys who later became federal judges, including Judges Frederick B. Lacey, Lawrence A. Whipple, and Herbert J. Stern. With over a dozen active federal judges serving on our Advisory Board, and given our longstanding history supporting the bench and bar, we are in a unique position to help maintain and advocate for the high standards of our judiciary.