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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Senator Durbin:

Trust you are well and that your work is progressing. Best wishes to you in the year ahead.

I am writing to express my support and urge the confirmation of the Honorable Judge Robert Kirsch as a Federal Judge for the New Jersey District. It has been my blessing and joy to know Judge Kirsch for the last ten years. We were introduced to each other by a mutual friend, who happened to be a prominent criminal defense lawyer in New Jersey. We have gone on to become very close friends. I was assigned by the General Conference of the AME Church to South Africa in 2012 and to Georgia in 2016, and our friendship has only become closer. He has a lovely wife and is the father of two children.

Judge Kirsch has served on the Superior Court of New Jersey for thirteen years in all three court divisions, Family, Civil and Criminal. He has proven himself to be a remarkable judge. For a number of years Judge Kirsch served as the only judge in Union County, handling Juvenile Delinquency. In that role he created a juvenile re-entry program which involved providing programming and services to juveniles in every detention center in New Jersey. Before becoming a Superior Court Judge, he spent more than 15 years as a lawyer for the United States at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and more than a decade as a federal prosecutor in New Jersey. He has served as a judge and prosecutor for more than 40 years.

The Federal Bench will be better because Judge Robert Kirsch is on it. Members of the bench, defense lawyers, and those who come before him attest that Judge Kirsch displays fairness, decency and humility. I give him my highest recommendation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Reginald T. Jackson  
Bishop

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