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The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am writing to support the nomination of Oregon Justice Adrienne Nelson to the Federal District Court for Oregon. I have served Oregon as a prosecutor since 1988, and as the elected District Attorney for Benton County since 2007. I base my support for Justice Nelson's nomination on my experience working with her in a variety of capacities over a number of years. Examples include Justice Nelson and I serving as Commissioners for the Oregon Supreme Court Commission on Inclusion and Fairness (OSCCIF). From this perspective, I was able to appreciate Justice Nelson's capacity for understanding and analyzing complex systems. Justice Nelson demonstrated a natural ability to collaborate, while methodically working towards solutions to complex problems. Another example includes serving as a panelist with Justice Nelson for Oregon Humanities on the topic of democracy, justice, and the courts. Over the years, I have had numerous discussions with Justice Nelson on the theme of promoting a justice system that offers justice for all. Justice Nelson has a stellar academic history. Her professionalism and character are renowned among the Oregon State Bar. Prior to ascending to the Oregon Supreme Court, Justice Nelson was one of several Oregon judges being considered for a Federal Judicial appointment. This was 10 years ago. At that time, I strongly supported Justice Nelson as a candidate for a Federal District Court appointment. Today, the strength of my recommendation has only grown as I have continued to observed Justice Nelson's legal acumen, judgement, demeanor, and professionalism. For all the reasons stated, I express my strongest and unwavering support for Justice Nelson's nomination.

Sincerely,



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