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Re: The Honorable Robert Kirsch, J.S.C. nomination to the United States District Court
for the District of New Jersey

Dear Senators:

It is my honor to write this letter in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Judge Robert Kirsch to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Judge Kirsch has not only been a dear friend of mine for many years, but he has also been a great mentor during the time he has served as a Superior Court Judge in Union County, New Jersey.

Judge Kirsch's unwavering dedication to the practice of law will serve the United States Court of Appeals, and the court system overall well. I have had the privilege to see Judge Kirsch's impact on the citizens of Union County New Jersey, both on and off the bench.

During my seventeen years of practicing, I have been fortunate enough to appear before Judge Kirsch on a monthly basis, in which I have advocated for clients at every phase of the trial process, including, but not limited to, arraignments, guilty pleas, sentences, pre-trial motions, trials and post-conviction relief hearings. As a result of his relentless leadership and brilliant legal mind, I have embraced the lessons and guidance that he gave me as a young attorney and it's this wisdom that I have carried with me throughout my career. I know Judge Kirsch holds all of the key qualities you may be seeking in the next Judge for the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Judge Kirsch will bring extensive legal experience from his work as a United States Attorney, and most recently and currently as a Superior Court Judge in the criminal Division in Union County, New Jersey.

Although Judge Kirsch's professional accolades are impressive and admirable, it is his ability to be human that I believe makes his approach to justice unique. Judge Kirsch has demonstrated not only his ability to be fair, but he is not afraid to make a decision. He demonstrates no favoritism and has an impeccable ability to cut straight to the issues. However, no matter where Judge Kirsch falls on any particular issue, he treats every accused with dignity. An example of this is where I tried a case before Judge Kirsch. Even after the defendant was convicted and should have been remanded into custody, Judge Kirsch believed in giving my client the opportunity to be with his family to get his orders in a row. This is just one example of many where Judge Kirsch has demonstrated his commitment to humanity and his belief that everybody deserves to be treated with fairness and respect.

Considering the importance of the judicial system especially in the United States District Court, it is critical that this position be filled by someone with experience, judgment, personal commitment, and the passion necessary to succeed in this role. I strongly and respectfully urge the Senate to vote in favor of Judge Kirsch's nomination to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. I thank you for taking the time to read and consider this letter.

Respectfully,

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