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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

My name is Edward J. Walters, Jr. I have been a lawyer in Baton Rouge, Louisiana since 1976.

I'm writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Darrel J. Papillion. I was delighted to learn that Darrel was nominated to become a judge of the Eastern District of Louisiana.

I have known Darrel for many years. I taught him at the LSU Law School where he graduated in 1994. In 1999 our firm needed to hire an associate and I contacted Darrel. He and I have been practicing law together since 1999.

Darrel is an excellent lawyer, well respected and universally liked by the bench and bar. Not only is he one of the finest lawyers in the state, he is also one of the finest persons you could ever meet. I know him to be a man of great personal integrity, professionalism and ethics.

If I can be of assistance with anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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