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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
135 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

As the current and former Attorneys General of Massachusetts, we write in support of Julia Kobick's nomination to serve as District Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

We know Julie will serve the District of Massachusetts with distinction because of her deep experience in the federal courts, her longstanding commitment to public service, and her extraordinary intellect. She will also bring to the bench the kind of even-keeled, steady temperament so important to a trial court judge, as well as the utmost integrity.

The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office has been fortunate to have the benefit of Julie's work on many of the Office's most challenging matters in both state and federal courts from 2013 to the present. Demonstrating her commitment to public service, Julie came to the Office's Administrative Law Division—now known as the Constitutional and Administrative Law Division—directly from her clerkship for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She had previously clerked both on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit for Judge Michael Chagares, as well as in the District of Massachusetts itself for Judge Dennis Saylor.

As we know from our own tenures in the Office, the work of the Attorney General's Office—and particularly the Constitutional and Administrative Law Division—is constantly demanding. To advance the public interest in representing the Commonwealth and its agencies in both state and federal courts from the trial court level all the way through appeals, an Assistant

Attorney General must possess tireless dedication, keen analytical skills, superb writing skills, and sound judgment. Exemplifying all of these attributes, Julie won the Office's Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson Award for Excellence in 2019.

Experienced Assistant Attorneys General like Julie are also called upon to provide supervision and mentorship to more junior attorneys, as Julie now does for attorneys across the office in her role in the Office of the State Solicitor. We are also familiar with Julie's commitment to advancing the profession and mentoring others—as well as with her dazzling intellect and thoughtful, judicious temperament—from other work she has done, including at Boston College Law School's Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy. Julie was a Rappaport fellow in 2008 and, since 2015, has served on the Center's Board of Directors and as a valued mentor to current fellows.

We respectfully ask the Judiciary Committee to favorably advance Julie's nomination, and for the Senate to confirm her as District Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,



Maura Healey
Massachusetts Attorney General



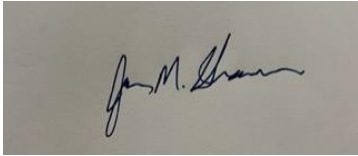
Martha Coakley
Massachusetts Attorney General, 2007-2015



Thomas Reilly
Massachusetts Attorney General, 1999-2007

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Scott Harshbarger
Massachusetts Attorney General, 1991-1999

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James M. Shannon
Massachusetts Attorney General, 1987-1991