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The Honorable Dick Durbin Chair Committee on the Judiciary U.S. Senate 711 Hart Senate Building Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Chuck Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary U.S. Senate 135 Hart Senate Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I write to offer my full and unequivocal endorsement of Rachel Bloomekatz's nomination for a federal judgeship.

While many will write to endorse Rachel's legal expertise, accomplishments, and professional prowess, I am honored to share my perspective on her community and philanthropic leadership.

I have the pleasure of serving as the CEO of Pelotonia, a grassroots non-profit organization focused on eradicating cancer as we know it. Pelotonia has raised more than \$240 million dollars for cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center since its inception fourteen years ago. Pelotonia's success is a result of individuals like Rachel, who inspire their families and communities to go above and beyond both physically and philanthropically.

Rachel's motivation for participating with Pelotonia is deeply personal. Her husband Micah was diagnosed with colon cancer at age 33, shortly before their first wedding anniversary. Rachel served as a primary caregiver for Micah throughout his chemotherapy treatments, experiencing firsthand what so many are forced to overcome when a cancer diagnosis hits their family. Her strength and advocacy were tested, and those trials have inspired her advocacy and fundraising for cancer research. She has encouraged her entire family to participate in our mission, from neighborhood bake sales with her kids to longtime fundraising for our annual event. Rachel and her family have made a substantial impact on our mission to end cancer and improve the lives of others.

Beyond her commitment to Pelotonia, it has been a true pleasure to witness Rachel's impact on the community at large. She is a constant presence at community events, she leverages her legal expertise to help others, and she continues to take on leadership roles at Temple Israel. As an advocate, caregiver, and philanthropist, Rachel goes above and beyond to positively impact central Ohio and far beyond. We are beyond fortunate to have her serving our community in so many ways.



I am honored to voice my unequivocal support for her confirmation, and I am

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personally grateful for all that she does to make the world, and our community, a much better place.

Sincerely,

Doug Ulman

Cancer Survivor

CEO

Pelotonia

