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May 8, 2024

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Sen. Marco Rubio
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsay Graham
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Sen. Rick Scott
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Graham, Sen. Rubio and Sen. Scott:

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida is the principal advocate and preeminent leader in fostering economic success for African American-owned businesses and the African American business community in Central Florida. We represent nearly 1,000 members from 6 counties and virtually every industry sector.

I am writing to express our support of U.S. Magistrate Judge Embry Kidd's nomination to serve as a judge on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Kidd was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division, from 2014 to 2019 and worked hard to keep the community safe. He prosecuted fraud, public corruption, organized crime, drug trafficking organizations, violent crime, and crimes against children. He also helped to lead a joint task force with law enforcement, elected officials, and business leaders to address the opioid epidemic.

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Since 2019, Judge Kidd has served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division. He has worked to ensure that all Central Florida residents and businesses receive a fair and efficient determination of their legal claims despite the Middle District of Florida having one of the highest caseloads per judge in the nation. He is a member of the District's Bench-Bar Fund Committee, which provides funding for law-related educational programming for schools and the local bar. He regularly hosts students for courthouse tours and discussions.

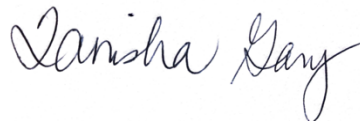
Judge Kidd and his family are involved in several community organizations, including local bar associations (Orange County Bar Association, George C. Young American Inn of Court, Paul C. Perkins Bar Association, Federal Bar Association) and cultural institutions (e.g., Orlando Shakes, Mennello Museum of American Art, Opera Orlando).

Judge Kidd designed and teaches a course in federal practice at the Florida A&M University College of Law. The goal of the course is to expose the students to federal judges and practitioners, as well as to prepare them for practice in federal court.

This seat was originally held by Judge Joseph W. Hatchett, and currently by Judge Charles Wilson, both African American trailblazers in the Florida legal community.

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida urges your support for the nomination of Judge Embry Kidd to serve on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Warmest Regards,



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