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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii and write to offer my unconditional support for the nomination of Micah Smith to the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. After working closely with him for nearly five years, I know that he is highly qualified for this position and will be a distinguished judge if confirmed.

Micah's professional background as a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court, as well as his time in civil litigation will serve him well as a judge. As a prosecutor, Micah has demonstrated his integrity and commitment to justice by being fair and reasonable, but firm with defendants and defense counsel. Micah's impeccable intellect and diligence are only surpassed by his thoughtfulness, humility, and temperament. If confirmed, he

will continue to uphold the rule of law and be an even-handed jurist who treats all parties with dignity and respect.

Micah's diverse work experience, intelligence, character, and demeanor will make him an outstanding judge. Therefore, I humbly recommend that the Senate confirm his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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