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**RE:** Letter in support of Judge Rebecca Pennell's nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing to support Judge Rebecca Pennell's nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington.

I have appeared before Judge Pennell 10-20 times for an oral argument while representing the Benton County, Wa. Prosecuting Attorney's Office. She has always been well prepared and asked penetrating questions and did so in a polite manner. Her competence and integrity are reflected by her written opinions. Her opinions are grounded in statutes and precedent. Her opinions make sense even if I, and my fellow prosecutors, may not like them. Her background in public defense has not caused Judge Pennell to favor the defendants in criminal cases.

I do not speak for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for Benton County, Wa. These opinions are my own. However, I have represented the Benton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the appellate court since she has become a Judge and few others from our office have appeared before Judge Pennell. She will make an excellent addition to the Federal bench.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terry J. Bloor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

**Terry J. Bloor**

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