

August 28, 2023

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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Captain Richard E.N. Federico, JAG Corps, U.S. Navy
Nominee as Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

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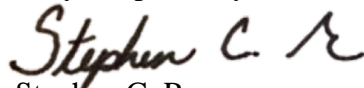
Dear Senators Durbin, Graham, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I write to provide my strongest endorsement of Captain Richard E.N. Federico's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. I first met Captain Federico over twenty years ago when we were assigned as prosecutors for the Navy at Trial Service Office East, Norfolk, Virginia. Ever since, I have had the good fortune to serve with Captain Federico in his active duty and reserve capacity. During my twenty-years working with him, I find him to be an officer and attorney of the highest character, integrity, and professionalism.

Currently, I am the Chief Judge of the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary. As the Chief Judge, I supervise all active duty and reserve Navy and Marine Corps trial judges. In this capacity, I had the opportunity to observe Captain Federico's performance. As a trial judge, Captain Federico's temperament, judicial acumen, and dedication to the rule of law and the pursuit of justice have been beyond reproach.

Captain Federico is a model jurist who represents what is the best about the Navy and the Judge Advocate General Corps. He has dedicated his career to serve the public and our Nation. I am exceptionally proud to be his shipmate and I know, if confirmed as a Circuit Judge, he will continue to serve our Country in an exemplar manner.

Very Respectfully,



Stephen C. Reyes
Captain, United States Navy