

January 19, 2024

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

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

Re: Nomination of Sunil R. Harjani to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We, the undersigned active and retired Chicago area federal law enforcement agents, respectfully submit this letter in enthusiastic support of the nomination of United States Magistrate Judge Sunil R. Harjani to the position of Federal District Court Judge in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois. Each of us has had the pleasure of working closely with Judge Harjani in his former position as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Harjani invariably treated people fairly, and with the utmost honesty and kindness. He was a hardworking and tough federal prosecutor with the rare ability to distill highly complex fraud cases into concepts readily understood by a jury. His many outstanding personal and professional qualities and attributes will make him an exceptional District Court Judge.

Each of us collaborated with Judge Harjani in the investigation and prosecution of major white collar fraud cases in the Chicago metropolitan area, including highly complex securities and commodities related matters. We have worked side by side with him in the preparation of more affidavits for search and arrest warrants than we can count, as well as in numerous federal criminal trials resulting from those searches and arrests. We have been there with Judge Harjani working late into the night after a day in court and early the next morning. We have observed firsthand his commitment to public service, integrity, compassion and justice for the victims of federal crimes.

In his dealings with criminal defendants and their legal counsel, Judge Harjani developed a reputation that was second to none among federal prosecutors for firmness balanced with integrity and objectivity. It is no stretch to say that he was known among federal agents as the ideal federal prosecutor in Chicago for highly complex fraud cases, many with international connections.

Judge Harjani has dedicated his entire career to pursuing justice for the victims of crime, to safeguarding and regulating the country's securities markets for the benefit of all, and to protecting society. To his great credit, he has used his prodigious talents not for the promotion of self, but in service of the public good. We know that Judge Harjani will uphold the highest standards of his office as a District Court Judge for the Northern District of Illinois and we strongly support his nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

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