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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
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Dear Mr. President,

In my capacity as both Edenton Police Chief and the incumbent President of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, I am endorsing the nomination of Ryan Y. Park to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

As the current Solicitor General for the State of North Carolina, Mr. Park has garnered the trust, admiration, and respect of Chiefs of Police across the state of North Carolina. A prime illustration of his effectiveness is showcased in the case *State v. Oldroyd*, which pertained to the ambush murder of Patrol Sergeant Gregory K. Martin in 1996. The case remained unsolved for years, until justice prevailed and the trio responsible for Sergeant Martin's murder were identified, arrested, charged and convicted in 2014. Notably, when one of the accomplices contested and appealed his conviction, citing flaws in the indictment, Mr. Park took the helm as lead counsel before the Supreme Court of North Carolina, resulting in the overturning of the decision. Thanks to his expertise and dedication, justice once again prevailed, ensuring that the accomplice would serve his entire sentence for his role in Sergeant. Martin's murder.

In another notable instance, there's the case of *State v. Caballero*, which centered on a heinous crime committed by an illegal immigrant who brutally murdered his neighbor and attempted to murder the neighbor's wife and infant son. Stepping up voluntarily, Mr. Park took charge of briefing and arguing the case before the Supreme Court of North Carolina. His efforts bore fruit as he secured a



unanimous decision affirming the defendant's convictions, thereby guaranteeing that the perpetrator would serve his entire sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

From a law enforcement standpoint, Mr. Park's tenure as Deputy Solicitor General and Solicitor General has been exemplary. He has consistently upheld crucial legal principles, such as qualified immunity, which are essential to the law enforcement community. Mr. Park's commendable track record underscores his unwavering dedication to the rule of law and his steadfast commitment to upholding traditional constitutional values.

Sincerely,

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