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

Dear Senators Durbin and Graham:

I write to you with unreserved enthusiasm and unwavering support for Judge Cristal Brisco's nomination to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

I have had the distinct privilege of observing Judge Brisco's judicial career both begin and evolve. And I can attest without hesitation to her unparalleled dedication, unimpeachable integrity, and exceptional legal acumen. Her background, experience, and unwavering commitment to justice make her an exemplary candidate for this esteemed position.

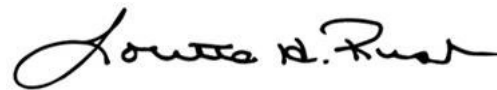
Judge Brisco's trajectory in the judicial sphere is marked by a remarkable dedication to public service and an unyielding pursuit of fairness. Her tenure as an Indiana trial court judge on the St. Joseph County Superior Court and her concurrent service as one of our esteemed Commercial Court judges have been characterized by an unwavering commitment to upholding the law with a keen eye toward equity and access.

But Judge Brisco's contributions extend beyond her courtroom duties. She has been involved in various state-level committees and commissions, including the Commission on Equity and Access in the Court System, the Judicial Conference of Indiana's Strategic Planning Committee, the Commercial Courts Committee, and the Study Commission on the Future of the Indiana Bar Examination. Her service and active participation in these

roles has been invaluable to enhancing Indiana's legal landscape and ensuring the fairness and efficacy of our judicial system.

I am confident Judge Cristal Brisco embodies a balance of compassion, integrity, intelligence, and fidelity that will positively impact the Northern District for years to come. And, importantly, she would become the first Black woman to serve on that court, promoting needed diversity in the federal judiciary. Simply put, Judge Brisco would be an excellent addition to the federal bench, and I strongly support her nomination. Thank you for taking the time to consider this resounding endorsement for a uniquely qualified candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loretta H. Rush". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana