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

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 Gretchen H. Lund's nomination to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

I have had the distinct privilege of observing Judge Lund's judicial career evolve. And I can attest without hesitation to her unparalleled dedication, unimpeachable integrity, and outstanding legal acumen. As one of Indiana's preeminent trial court judges, Judge Lund has set herself apart through a staunch dedication to justice and a profound commitment to serving her community—both of which speak volumes about her character and capabilities.

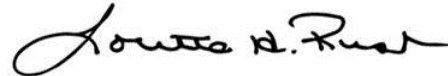
Notably, Judge Lund's initiative in establishing a specialized drug court in Northern Indiana reflects her innovative and compassionate approach to the bench. Through a comprehensive, time-consuming program focused on promoting rehabilitation and preventing recidivism, Judge Lund has truly transformed hundreds of lives within her community. The resounding success stories emerging from her drug court, which I have heard firsthand, underscore her unique ability to effect positive change.

Judge Lund has also been actively involved in various state-level judicial committees and commissions, including the Judicial Education Committee, the Records

Access and Management Committee, and the Judicial Conference of Indiana's Board of Directors. Her service and meaningful participation in these leadership roles demonstrates her commitment to consistently improving and enhancing our legal system. Additionally, Judge Lund's recent selection as one of three finalists for the Indiana Supreme Court is a testament to the high regard in which her peers hold her qualifications, expertise, and integrity.

I am confident Judge Gretchen Lund's remarkable abilities, unwavering dedication to justice, and innovative approaches to rehabilitation will positively impact the Northern District for years to come. She would be a tremendous addition to the federal bench, and I strongly support her nomination. Thank you for taking the time to consider this resounding endorsement.

Sincerely,

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

Loretta H. Rush  
Chief Justice of Indiana