

The Honorable Richard Durbin
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United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The undersigned have served as Police Chiefs here in Connecticut, and several of us have also served on various committees with Ms. Sarah Russell. We are unanimous in our strong support of her appointment as a United States District Court Judge for the District of Connecticut.

While working with Ms. Russell in various capacities, she has always demonstrated the capacity to carefully listen and weigh all factors related to the issues being discussed and has always provided insight which assisted in developing our final votes on a variety of topics. She has always shown herself to be extremely intelligent and knowledgeable on a wide variety of issues.

We believe she can be counted upon to carefully listen to arguments from both sides, do her own legal research, and then render a decision that is fair and well supported by the law. She makes herself understood to everyone involved in the committee and has worked on several important topic areas here in Connecticut.

In conclusion, we believe Ms. Russell would be an asset to the federal court system here in Connecticut and we strongly urge you to confirm her appointment to the bench in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief (Ret.) Thomas Kulhawik, Norwalk, CT
Chief (Ret.) Mark Palmer, Coventry, CT
Chief Scott Sansom, Granby, CT