

August 17, 2023

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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We are Senior United States District Judges and former United States Magistrate Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. We write in support of the nomination of Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge Jeffrey M. Bryan to serve as a United States District Judge in our District.

Before distinguishing himself as a member of the Ramsey County and Minnesota Court of Appeals benches, Judge Bryan appeared frequently before us as a civil litigator in private practice and then as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA). As an AUSA, Judge Bryan combined zealous prosecution with a sense of fairness and evenhandedness that is critical to the just enforcement of our nation's criminal laws. He was of course an outstanding litigator who demonstrated excellent legal acumen and discipline but, perhaps more importantly, a person of integrity and honor in his representation of the United States.

Judge Bryan has also been active in the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (FBA). The Minnesota FBA, uniquely among FBA chapters, involves substantial coordination and cooperation between the bench and the bar and thus many of us came to know Judge Bryan more personally through his service on the chapter's legal education committee. His commitment to public service, his respect for the rule of law, his admirable work ethic, and his sense of humor made working with him a pleasure. These traits will serve him well on the federal bench.

We have no doubt that Judge Bryan has the qualifications, character, and temperament to be an excellent United States District Judge. He will be a credit to the federal bench. We wholeheartedly and enthusiastically support his nomination and urge the members of the Judiciary Committee to favorably report his nomination.

Respectfully,

Senior United States District Judges:

Hon. Michael Davis
Hon. David Doty
Hon. Paul Magnuson
Hon. Ann Montgomery

Retired United States Magistrate Judges:

Hon. Arthur Boylan
Hon. Jeffrey Keyes
Hon. Janie Mayeron