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Hon. Dick Durbin and  
Hon. Lindsey Graham  
United States Senate  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin and  
Ranking Member Graham:

As the current District Attorney of the Middle District of Massachusetts (having now served for eighteen years), a former Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General, and a member of the defense bar for seventeen years, I write to enthusiastically recommend Attorney Brian Murphy for your consideration for appointment to U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. I have known Brian Murphy for many years and know him to be a person of the highest integrity and a true student of the law.

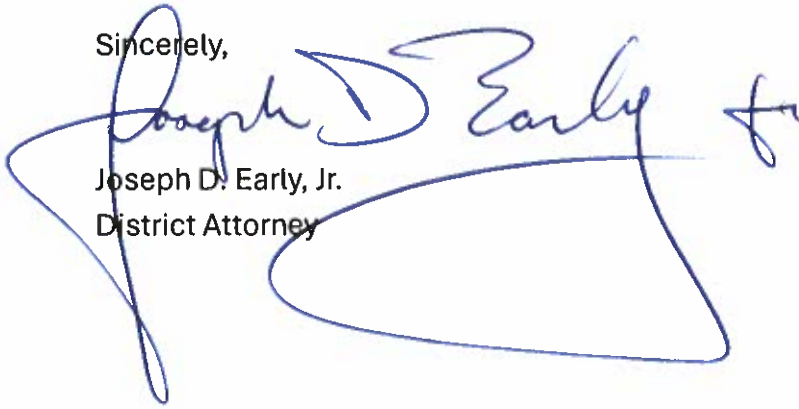
To anyone who might suggest that since Brian has always been a defense attorney, or that he might favor one side over the other, I can unequivocally state that I have no doubts that as a judge Mr. Murphy would apply to law fairly to all parties to reach a just result. I am confident that he would have been a star prosecutor, and I offered him a position in my office on two different occasions because of his many well-known and widely admired legal skills.

Furthermore, I know his character and temperament and can attest that he would treat all that would come before him in search of justice with patience, humility, and respect. I have

observed Mr. Murphy to be a great listener, and I believe that he will hear cases presented with an open mind to reach a full understanding of the matters before him. Most importantly, Brian has a good heart, and is a great father of three wonderful children and is a great husband.

I ask that you support his appointment to this most important judicial position and stand ready to answer any questions or provide any further information you might require.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Early, Jr." followed by a stylized flourish.

Joseph D. Early, Jr.  
District Attorney