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Senator Richard J. Durbin, Chairman Senate Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Senator Lindsey O. Graham, Ranking Member Senate Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter in Support of Honorable Shanlyn A.S. Park for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am a former Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, currently serving as the First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii. I, along with some of my fellow Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys who have had cases before Judge Shanlyn A.S. Park, write to you and Members of the Committee in support of President Joe Biden's nomination of Judge Shanlyn A.S. Park to serve as a District Judge for the United States District Court, District of Hawaii.

As a former 26-year federal prosecutor, I have prosecuted numerous criminal defendants represented by Judge Park when she was an Assistant Public Defender. In all of her cases, I found her to possess excellent legal skills and a strong commitment to the highest ethical and professional standards.

As current state prosecutors, we also saw Judge Park transition from a criminal defense attorney to her current position as a Circuit Court Judge in the First Circuit, State of Hawaii. Many of us have appeared before Judge Park in criminal cases and found Judge Park's decisions to be well-reasoned, thoughtful, and grounded in the law. On the bench, she consistently demonstrated an even temperament and a respectful demeanor to all attorneys and parties. Judge Park recognized that both prosecutors and defense attorneys are essential to the adversarial process and fairly considered each party's position before issuing a ruling.

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Judge Park is well qualified to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii. She is open-minded, fair, and impartial jurist with a clear commitment to equal justice. She possesses the professional competence, highest integrity, and the judicial temperament to tackle the challenges that all federal district court judges face, and will do so with grace and a smile. We support Judge Shanlyn Park A.S. Park's nomination fully and without reservation.

Sincerely,

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