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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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**RE: The Honorable Cristal Brisco
Judicial Nominee to the United States District Court for the
Northern District of Indiana**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write to support the nomination of Judge Cristal Brisco to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. Based on my personal experience and information gleaned from my colleagues at Indiana Legal Services, she will be a fine addition to the bench in the Northern District.

I know Judge Brisco well because we were both appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court to its Study Commission on the Future of the Indiana Bar Examination and we served together on the Board of Governors of the Indiana State Bar Association. In these two contexts, Judge Brisco was uniformly well-prepared, thorough, and reasonable. She listened well. When she spoke, others listened intently to what she had to say because they knew her comments would be insightful and well-considered. She never spoke because she needed to hear herself talk; she participated in discussions to advance the goals of board and the study commission. She was open to all points of view.

Indiana Legal Services is our state's only statewide provider of civil legal aid to low-income Hoosiers. Several of my colleagues have appeared before Judge Brisco in St. Joseph Superior Court in family law and other civil cases, although I have not personally appeared before her. They have reported to me that she is fair, exhibits a fine judicial temperament, and is well respected by her colleagues on the bench and by the lawyers who practice before her. These observations are fully consistent with my personal experience.

If she is confirmed, I am certain that Judge Brisco will bring to the federal bench the same traits my colleagues and I have observed in her role as a state court judge and practitioner.

This endorsement is personal. It does not express any official position of Indiana Legal Services. Thank you for this opportunity to support Judge Brisco's nomination.

Sincerely,



Jon Laramore