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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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Re: The Honorable Karoline Mehalchick

Dear Senators Graham and Durbin:

I am writing in enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Judge Karoline Mehalchick, currently the Chief Magistrate Judge in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, as a District Judge in that same District. I am currently the National President of the Federal Bar Association (the "FBA") and met Judge Mehalchick through the FBA approximately ten years ago. From the time that I met Judge Mehalchick, she has been an invaluable asset to the FBA and has demonstrated a remarkable work ethic, thoroughness, and impressive capacity to resolve complicated problems. Moreover, she has always done so only after considering all sides of the specific issue and while treating people with the utmost respect and compassion.

I have worked closely with Judge Mehalchick throughout my involvement in the FBA while we were both serving in various different capacities. Most recently, Judge Mehalchick and I worked together to advance several important initiatives in her role as Chair of the Judiciary Division. For example, and without limitation, Judge Mehalchick led the FBA's efforts to identify the importance of judicial security and to generate support for issues regarding judicial security. In that same role, Judge Mehalchick also led the FBA's efforts to implement a nationwide internship program designed to give law students, who would not otherwise have the opportunity, the chance to work with federal judges and in the federal court system.

Judge Mehalchick also worked with other FBA leaders to implement a national program at various law schools focusing on educating students on the various types of federal clerkships, how judges utilize law clerks, and tips for increasing a student's chances of successfully obtaining a clerkship.

The above efforts are just a few examples of the extensive efforts that Judge Mehalchick has made within the FBA to improve the federal court system and to educate the next generation

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of lawyers who will appear in federal court. Throughout all of my interactions with Judge Mehalchick and observations of her, she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to address complicated problems while still maintaining an even temperament and not allowing the strains of the tasks that she is undertaking affect her focus or interactions with people. In her role as a member of the FBA's Board of Directors, she continually has insightful comments and recommendations which generate discussion and debate and lead to better outcomes.

As a lawyer who regularly appears in federal courts in different parts of the country and as a former law clerk to a U.S. Magistrate Judge, there is no question in my mind that Judge Mehalchick would be a fantastic District Judge. She has the skills, temperament, and experience to be an asset wherever she serves.

Again – without reservation – I strongly support Judge Mehalchick's confirmation for the District Judge position and recommend her for that role. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or to further discuss any issues.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew C. Moschella

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