July 18, 2024

Honorable Richard J. Durbin, Chair Honorable Lindsey O. Graham, Ranking Member U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Appointment of April Perry to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Dear Senator Durbin and Senator Graham:

I respectfully request you consider this letter in support of the nomination of April Perry for the judicial vacancy in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. I worked with April when she was an Assistant United State's Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois. In April's capacity as the Project Safe Childhood coordinator, I had many interactions with her and worked several investigations with her directly.

During the time I worked with April, I came to appreciate and respect her candor, professionalism, enthusiasm, and positive attitude. Even if we disagreed, April was always open and honest and willing to explain the reasoning behind her decision. April took her discretion as a prosecutor seriously and was prudent when making decisions. April never allowed emotions to dictate or influence investigative or prosecutorial decisions. She made decisions based on evidence and facts.

April's skill as an attorney, knowledge of the law, professionalism, honesty, integrity, and overall positive attitude would serve her well as a Judge. I have the highest respect for April Perry and believe the citizens of the Northern District of Illinois would be well-served by her appointment.

The information and recommendations I am providing in this letter are based upon my own personal knowledge and should not be construed as the official views of the FBI.

Respectfully.

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