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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write this letter in full support of Sparkle L. Sooknanan and her nomination to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) is the largest nonpartisan, nonprofit professional organization, representing federal law enforcement officers. FLEOA represents more than 32,000 federal law enforcement officers from 65 different agencies.

For the past three years, since 2021, Ms. Sooknanan has served in leadership positions at the Justice Department – first as a Deputy Associate Attorney General and now as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division. Within the Justice Department, Ms. Sooknanan has been a trusted member of the leadership team, and we have consistently found her to be thoughtful, fair-minded, and deeply committed to the rule of law.

We believe that these traits are what make Ms. Sooknanan an outstanding nominee to serve on the federal bench. The judiciary is an important partner to federal law enforcement as we would work together to create safe and healthy communities. Ms. Sooknanan's distinguished professional history and sterling reputation give us profound confidence that she will be an incredible asset to our judiciary and the community. We are proud and happy to support her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mathew Silverman

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National President
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association