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The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Re: Captain Richard E.N. Federico, JAG Corps, U.S. Navy
Nominee as Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

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Dear Senators Durbin, Graham, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

We respectfully submit this letter to give our strongest and unqualified support of the nomination of Captain Rich Federico to be confirmed as Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Each of us who affix our name as signatory below have served with Captain Federico in some capacity during our military careers. We sign this letter today because we can attest without hesitation that Captain Federico is a qualified nominee, humble public servant, and exceptional choice to carry out the duties of Circuit Judge with integrity and fairness.

Throughout his time in military service, Captain Federico has demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership, integrity, ability, and capability. He is an inspirational leader and generational legal talent. His reputation in the military legal community is stellar, as one of the finest of his generation to serve in the Navy JAG Corps.

Captain Federico's credentials as a military lawyer and litigator demonstrate the breadth of his skillset and experience. He has been a prosecutor, trial defense counsel, appellate defense counsel, preliminary hearing officer, staff judge advocate, and military judge. He has served on all sides of litigation, which affords him the perfect balance to be a fair and impartial Circuit Judge. He is known to be a passionate advocate and seasoned professional, the type of lawyer who treats everyone within the legal process with complete respect, no matter their position or circumstances. As a leader, he was demanding, promoted accountability, while also demonstrating interest and compassion for those whom he led. He embodies the Navy's Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Finally, each of us takes enormous pride and satisfaction with the honor it has been to serve in our Armed Forces. We likewise take enormous pride that President Biden nominated a judge advocate and Naval Officer for this position. We view this nomination, in part, as a reflection upon the respect and value placed on military service. Captain Federico is a tremendous nominee, and we are proud that he will have the opportunity to represent the Navy JAG Corps as a nominee and

eventually as a Circuit Judge on the federal bench. We are certain that if confirmed, he will carry out his duties with vigor and integrity, and he will continue to be a leader within the Tenth Circuit and for the Nation.

Thank you all for your time and consideration of this letter.

Very Respectfully,

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