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The Honorable Richard J. 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: Nomination of April Perry to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We, the signatories below, are former federal prosecutors with the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Illinois, who worked with April Perry during her impressive career as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA). We served alongside Ms. Perry under both Democratic and Republican administrations; we include members of both political parties as well as independents. We write this letter to offer our wholehearted and unequivocal support for Ms. Perry’s swift confirmation to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

As former prosecutors who have worked with Ms. Perry, we are uniquely positioned to provide insight into her exceptional professional accomplishments, her unwavering commitment to the rule of law, and her character and fitness for the federal judiciary. During her 12 years with the United States Attorney’s Office, Ms. Perry consistently demonstrated the good judgment, tireless work ethic, and devotion to fairness that reflect the highest standards of federal criminal practice. She served with distinction as both a line prosecutor and in multiple supervisory positions. For example, as Supervisory Litigation Counsel—a role traditionally filled by prosecutors with expert skills in the courtroom—Ms. Perry provided thoughtful and measured guidance to AUSAs on each step of criminal trial practice. Ms. Perry also took on the challenging and critically important role of leading Project Safe Childhood, supervising cases involving horrific crimes perpetrated against the most vulnerable members of our community. In each of these roles, Ms. Perry earned the highest respect of her colleagues, defense counsel, and the court.

Ms. Perry is an esteemed member of the legal community who has demonstrated a deep commitment to public service throughout her career. She possesses the judgment, temperament, compassion, ethical and moral compass, and integrity to be an outstanding federal judge.

We are proud to support Ms. Perry’s confirmation, and we offer our highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

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