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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We respectfully submit this letter in strong support of the nomination of Laura Provinzino to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. We are all former prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota.

During our careers as prosecutors, and beyond, we have had the opportunity to interact with Ms. Provinzino and have been impressed with her sharp legal mind, integrity, professionalism, dedication to service, and devotion to enforcing the law. We know that Ms. Provinzino has earned the respect of law enforcement in Minnesota and the community at large. She approaches each case with thoroughness and is vigorous in her pursuit of justice.

After graduating from Yale Law School, clerking for Judge Diana Murphy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and practicing in a prominent Minneapolis law firm, Ms. Provinzino joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota ("Office") as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in 2012.

Since joining the Office, she has served as the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator, Human Trafficking Coordinator, and Deputy Chief of Violent and Major Crimes. Last year, she was awarded the Attorney General's David Margolis Award for Exceptional Service, the highest award given by the Justice Department to recognize employee achievement.

We have known Ms. Provinzino to be a gifted trial lawyer, who distills complex issues in a powerful and clear manner. She has dedicated her legal career to protecting the public, seeking justice for crime victims, and upholding the rule of law. We have worked with her on difficult,

emotional cases, we have witnessed the kindness and thoughtfulness she displays when interacting with victims, as well as her impeccable judgment, commitment to excellence, and unwavering integrity.

In short, she has all the qualities that will make her an exceptional district court judge. Therefore, as experienced former federal prosecutors from across the political spectrum, we strongly recommend your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

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