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Honorable Dick Durbin, Chair
Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Brandon Long, Nominee for United States Federal Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Dear Senators Durbin and Graham:

I am writing in support of Brandon Long's nomination for the position of United States Federal District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. I formerly served in a number of positions at the Department of Justice including Acting Deputy Attorney General, Chief of Staff to the Attorney General, Deputy Assistant Attorney General in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York and the Northern District of Georgia. I also practiced as a white-collar criminal defense attorney for many years.

I met Brandon just after he graduated from law school when he joined King & Spalding as an associate. As a partner with this law firm, I supervised Brandon's work in a number of significant matters from mid-2005 through the spring 2009. I was able to observe Brandon develop as a practicing attorney including his work on a major, nation-wide "bet-the-company" criminal investigation; a significant prosecution involving one of the largest accounting firms in the U.S.; and a pro bono appeal of an individual's life sentence.

Brandon is a hard-working, detail-oriented attorney who, even at the early stages of his career, exhibited solid judgment, an open mind and a commitment to professionalism. He demonstrated superior legal skills, high standards of civility, and the ability to work with people as well as to vigorously serve his clients' interests.

Significantly, Brandon thereafter decided to devote his career to public service. This began with his work as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C. He then returned to his home city – New Orleans. He has been extraordinarily successful as an Assistant U.S. Attorney which has included extensive trial work and service in a leadership role, both of which will serve him well in the critically important role of a federal district judge.

Importantly, Brandon has a deep knowledge and understanding of the issues facing the New Orleans community and has represented the U.S. Attorney's Office in community outreach initiatives. He is a man of principle who throughout his career has demonstrated a commitment to the rule of law. I believe strongly that, as a federal judge, he will be objective

and will follow the law in an impartial manner. He has the courage to do what is right under the law.

Brandon has my enthusiastic endorsement for his confirmation as a federal district judge. Given his unquestioned integrity, his significant experience in both private practice and as a federal prosecutor, he is an ideal candidate for this position.

Thanks very much for considering my views regarding the nomination of Brandon Long.

Respectfully,

Gary G. Grindler