

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

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Dear Honorable Richard Durbin,

It is a pleasure and privilege to write this letter of support for Judge Julia Munley. I have known Judge Julia both personally and professionally for nearly three decades. I have witnessed our Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA) community become inspired, energized and elevated by Julia's servant leadership and example.

Julia was born into a strong faith and family-filled home. Her values are deep-rooted and time-tested: integrity, humility, honesty, courage! On a personal level, I have witnessed these attributes come alive in leadership roles in community organizations, in education and in personal interactions. Julia is gentle but firm, collaborative but not controlling. *I personally believe Julia was born for this purpose...to be Judge Julia Munley, U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.*

Professionally, as the Executive Director for 20+ years of the Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA, A Child Abuse Center serving seven counties, I interfaced with Judge Julia on many levels...the challenge of growing a child abuse intervention center, the obstacles to overcome in convening a multidisciplinary team of the DA's Offices, Law Enforcement, Children and Youth, a Medical Team, a Forensic Interview Team, Trauma Counselors... we could not have done it without the advice, unwavering support and networking of Julia Munley and ... in the most delightful example of participation, Julia ran in the 5K/10K Moonlight Run annual fundraisers for many years! Judge Julia is passionate about improving the lives of men, women and children in the world around us; couple that passion with prudence, love of the law and wisdom - *the prophetic outcome should be that Judge Julia Munley should serve as a U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.*

Respectfully Yours,

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