

June 12, 2024

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: Nomination of Catherine Henry to the United States District Court for
the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We write to extend our unqualified support for Catherine Henry's nomination for United States District Court. As former and retired members of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, we are very familiar with Ms. Henry's abilities, character, judgment, and disposition from her time as a federal public defender during which she regularly practiced before us. Through our firsthand observations, we can unreservedly assure you that Ms. Henry possesses the strong work ethic, intelligence, sense of fairness, and commitment to equal justice necessary to carry out the duties of a federal judge.

As a public defender, Ms. Henry must uphold her clients' Constitutional rights by providing zealous, effective representation while also maintaining the utmost professionalism with her adversaries and never straying from her ethical obligations to the Court. She somehow manages to do so seamlessly, earning her our sincere respect and admiration. The thoughtfulness, preparedness, compassion, and acumen with which she handles her cases will undoubtedly extend to her work on the District Court in both the civil and criminal contexts.

Ms. Henry's unique perspective as a career public defender will be a welcome addition to the federal bench. Her position requires her to consider a wide range of viewpoints and experiences—those of her clients, witnesses, victims, opposing counsel, and judges—which will serve her well in navigating the complexities of judicial decision-making. And her unwavering integrity and apparent respect for the rule of law, which were evident to us during our tenures as sitting judges, solidify our support.

It is for these reasons that we wholeheartedly endorse Ms. Henry's nomination to the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and recommend her confirmation.

Sincerely,

Hon. James T. Giles (Ret.), former Chief Judge

Hon. C. Darnell Jones, II (Ret.)

Hon. J. Curtis Joyner (Ret.), former Chief Judge

Hon. Mary A. McLaughlin (Ret.)

Hon. Lawrence F. Stengel (Ret.), former Chief Judge