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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
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RE: April Perry, nominee for United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

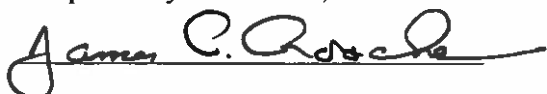
Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

It is my genuine honor to write in both my professional and personal capacity to unequivocally endorse the nomination of Judge April Perry to serve as a distinguished judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. I have worked with April Perry for over 20 years beginning when Ms. Perry was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. During the initial professional relationship, I was a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and later a supervisor with the FBI. I had the distinct privilege of working with Ms. Perry on sensitive public corruption matters. Ms. Perry has an excellent depth of knowledge of the law. Ms. Perry's morals and ethics are beyond reproach. I found Ms. Perry to be an incredible asset to the United States Attorney's Office and an outstanding public servant.

Later in our respective careers, I worked with Ms. Perry who was Chief Ethics Officer and Chief Deputy for the Cook County (Illinois) State's Attorney's Office. My position during this tenure was Chief of the Investigations Bureau. The roles Ms. Perry held were aptly fitting for Ms. Perry's dedication, abilities, and expertise. Ms. Perry is a consummate professional, who leads by example and has impeccable ethics throughout her tenure as a public servant with both the United States Attorney's Office and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Ms. Perry would be an exemplary member of the Northern District of Illinois judiciary.

I have profound respect for Ms. Perry's commitment to public service and relentless pursuit of justice. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail as I would be more than willing to provide such additional information for such a qualified individual.

Respectfully Submitted,



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