

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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
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Re: Nomination of Margaret Garnett to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We respectfully submit this letter in strong and unqualified support of the nomination of Margaret Garnett to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. We are all former prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York who had the pleasure of serving with Ms. Garnett while she was an Assistant United States Attorney ("AUSA") and later a member of the executive staff. Following her tenure as an AUSA and supervisor, in 2017, Ms. Garnett joined the New York State Attorney General's Office and, in 2018, was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation. In 2021, Ms. Garnett returned to the Southern District of New York U.S. Attorney's Office as the Deputy U.S. Attorney and currently serves as Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney.

Ms. Garnett follows in the footsteps of many generations of relatives who have dedicated their lives to serving our great Nation within the Armed Forces. Honoring their legacy, Ms. Garnett has dedicated her legal career to the service of others and upholding the Rule of Law. Throughout her long and distinguished career in public service, Ms. Garnett's character and conduct consistently earned her the deep respect of fellow prosecutors and investigators, defense attorneys, and judges alike. Ms. Garnett's integrity, forthrightness, and interpersonal skills had a profound impact on the lives of many individuals. As a violent crimes prosecutor, Ms. Garnett encountered often reticent victims and witnesses, whose trust she gained by devoting countless hours to ensuring their comfort, and treating all with respect and dignity no matter their background or station in life. Her investigation and trial skills are legendary, as is the brilliance of her writing. These strengths are rivaled only by her profound ability to listen and her deep commitment to fairness.

Ms. Garnett is honest, humble, open-minded, and brilliant, with a deep respect for the law, the truth, and the rights of individuals. Throughout her career, Ms. Garnett inspired those around her to emulate her impeccable judgment, mastery of the law, humility, commitment to excellence, and unwavering integrity. Her skills, collaborative work with law enforcement agents and investigators, and dogged commitment to truth-seeking also led to the exoneration of five people wrongfully convicted in 1995 of murdering a cab driver. Ms. Garnett dedicated countless hours to ensuring justice was served in that case, just as she did in all of the cases she has led and supervised.

It is Ms. Garnett's value-driven, considered judgment that has long led colleagues and supervisors to seek out and follow her input on a wide range of challenging issues. In our dealings with Ms. Garnett, she has never displayed anything other than an even-handed,

measured temperament. Ms. Garnett never shies away from the hard question, and is committed to doing the right thing, at the right time, for the right reasons. She was and is a credit to the institution of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, adhering to its highest values at all times.

We respectfully submit that all of these qualities make Ms. Garnett uniquely suited to be a District Court Judge. Without a doubt, she will be a credit to the District Court bench.

Thank you for considering this letter.

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