

September 10, 2024

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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Re: Nomination of Sarah Davenport
District Judge, District of New Mexico

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I am writing to encourage the Judiciary Committee to report favorably on the nomination of Sarah Davenport to serve as United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico in Las Cruces, NM. As a law enforcement officer with 30 years of experience, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Ms. Davenport on numerous cases, including several complex ones. It has been a privilege to work closely with her since 2008. Throughout that time, I have observed her unwavering passion for the law and her outstanding expertise.

Ms. Davenport started her career in 2008 as a prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office, with a position funded by NMHIDTA, where she was affectionately called a "baby Fed." In 2009, she was promoted to a role funded by the Department of Justice and became known as a "real Fed." Throughout our years working together, I have been continually impressed by her professionalism, legal expertise, and, above all, integrity as a person. Ms. Davenport will be an exceptional New Mexico District Judge, thanks to her deep compassion for the community she serves and her strong commitment to upholding life and liberty.

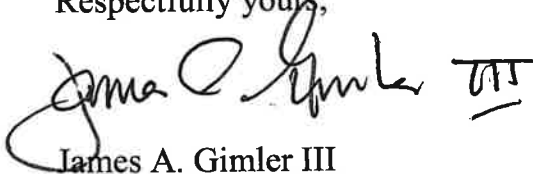
In addition to her distinguished legal career, Ms. Davenport's compassion is evident in her personal life as well. In 2013, while in the process of adopting a child, Sarah received a call from the birth mother who wished to learn more about her. After a heartfelt conversation, Sarah made arrangements to speak with the mother again later that evening,

with her husband present. However, before that second call, she was informed that the baby was on the way, and she needed to travel to Corpus Christi, Texas immediately. Sarah and her husband quickly made their way to Texas, sharing the good news with their friends along the way. I vividly remember receiving that call, hearing the excitement and joy in Sarah's voice, and thinking about the wonderful life this little boy would have with such loving and devoted parents.

Ms. Davenport has since moved into a supervisory role at the U.S. Attorney's office, where she has excelled and demonstrated outstanding leadership. She is an exceptional attorney with all the qualities necessary to excel as a successful U.S. District Court Judge.

I am proud to join my fellow New Mexicans in endorsing Sarah Davenport for this important role and look forward to seeing her serve our community with distinction on the federal bench.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Gimler III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "III" at the end. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

James A. Gimler III