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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Richard Durbin and Ranking Member Lindsey Graham,

I am Nancy P. Nekvasil, former Professor, Provost and Senior Vice President, and Interim President of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. I am writing this letter in full support of Judge Cristal Brisco's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

I became acquainted with Cristal when she was Legal Counsel at Saint Mary's College, and I was serving as Provost and Senior Vice President. We have stayed in touch since that time, and I consider her a valued former colleague and current friend.

Cristal's approach to every legal issue with which we grappled was consistent – she was calm, she gathered information, she consulted others as needed, and she made recommendations to the administration and the Board of Trustees. She was efficient, coming with recommendations in a timely manner and equipped with background information for fielding questions that would arise. Cristal was highly respected among the Board members, the faculty, and the staff at Saint Mary's. She quickly earned a reputation as being trustworthy, level-headed, sound in her judgment, and fair.

When I served as Interim President at Saint Mary's, Cristal had moved into a judgeship. I could not have been prouder of her! I always wanted to visit her court room and watch her in action, but I never got the chance. Still, having observed her in many situations at the College in front of the President's Cabinet or the Board of Trustees or the faculty, I have no doubt she ruled from the bench intelligently, fairly, and with great integrity.

I offer my highest recommendation for Judge Cristal Brisco's nomination to the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Indiana! She will work consistently following the highest standards, with respectful and intelligent consideration of all people and laws involved.

Respectfully submitted,

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