

May 28, 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 the Honorable Joseph F. Saporito, Jr. as U.S. District Judge for the
Middle District of Pennsylvania

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

We, the undersigned former judicial interns of the Honorable Joseph F. Saporito, Jr., Chief Magistrate Judge, write this letter to express our strong support for his confirmation as a U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Having had the privilege of working under Judge Saporito during our time in law school, we collectively agree that he is exceptionally qualified for this esteemed position. We thank President Joseph R. Biden for selecting such a highly qualified candidate as Judge Saporito.

For many of us, our internships with Judge Saporito marked our first introduction to the legal profession, and we could not have asked for a better mentor. Judge Saporito exemplifies the qualities that are paramount in a judge. He is consistently calm, respectful, analytical, patient, and above all, a gentleman. He approaches his duties with a level of compassion and understanding that is truly inspiring. His objectivity and composure, even in challenging situations, are qualities that all of us have tried to emulate in our professional lives, and we will strive to be like him for the rest of our careers.

Judge Saporito treated us, his interns, with kindness and respect, fostering an environment where we felt valued and encouraged to learn. He not only guided us in our legal education and professional development but also showed genuine interest in our personal well-being. His life advice and problem-solving skills extended beyond the courtroom and into our personal lives, demonstrating his holistic approach to mentorship.

His exemplary character and positive traits are well-known within the community. Judge Saporito worked and served for twenty-nine years in private practice and as an Assistant Public Defender of Luzerne County, earning a reputation for integrity and dedication. He is well known as a pillar of the local community. As a lawyer, he garnered respect from colleagues, adversaries, and fellow judges, who valued his insight and honesty. His commitment to pro bono work, often representing individuals without financial means, underscores his altruism and dedication to justice. Additionally, Judge Saporito is a former President of the Luzerne County Bar Association, where he further demonstrated his leadership and commitment to the legal profession.

Judge Saporito's professional accomplishments and personal virtues make him an ideal candidate for the role of U.S. District Judge. His ability to solve problems, coupled with his unwavering fairness and empathy, will undoubtedly serve the judiciary and the community well. We urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to confirm Judge Saporito swiftly, confident that he will continue to exemplify the highest and finest standards of judicial conduct.

Thank you for considering our endorsement.

Respectfully,

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