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

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
Ranking Member
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Re: Nomination of Sunil Harjani

Dear Senators Durbin and Graham:

I write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Sunil Harjani to serve as a federal district judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

By way of background, I have known Sunil since 2008 when I was serving as the United States Attorney in Chicago. I remember hearing wonderful reports about Sunil's work at the Securities and Exchange Commission and I had the good fortune to hire him away from the SEC to serve as an Assistant United States Attorney in Chicago. I was thus not at all surprised when Sunil flourished in his role in the United States Attorney's Office. He worked hard and showed excellent judgment. Most importantly, Sunil always conducted himself with the highest integrity. It is his sense of fair play that would serve him – and, more importantly, the public -- well as a district judge.

When I was in private practice after stepping down as United States Attorney, I was delighted (but again not surprised) to see Sunil appointed to the position of United States Magistrate Judge in Chicago in 2019. In that position, he has enjoyed an excellent reputation for fairness and civility. I have every confidence that he will serve with equal impartiality if confirmed to the district court bench.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick J. Fitzgerald