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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
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Re: Recommendation of Tiffany R. Johnson

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

I write to recommend Tiffany R. Johnson for the vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, that was created as a result of Judge Steve Jones taking senior status.

As U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia from 2017 to 2021, I worked closely with Ms. Johnson. She joined the U.S. Attorney's office, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, after nearly five years as an associate with Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Johnson initially joined our Civil Division, handling a split docket of civil rights investigations and defensive civil cases. Beginning in January 2020, she also worked on a number of criminal matters, with a focus on white-collar crime and public corruption. Her breadth of experience in private practice and the U.S. Attorney's office has prepared her to serve with distinction as a U.S. District Court Judge in the Northern District.

Ms. Johnson's achievements have been recognized by her peers and supervisors. In 2019, she was recognized by the U.S. Attorney's Office as Assistant U.S. Attorney of the Year (Civil Division). In 2021, the Daily Report's Southeastern Legal Awards named her as an "On the Rise" honoree, and in 2023, she was one of just five recipients of the Federal Bar Association's Younger Federal Lawyer Award.

Throughout her career, Ms. Johnson has demonstrated not only great skill in legal analysis and writing, but also outstanding judgment, integrity, and fairness. She is well respected by her peers and opposing counsel. In my experience, she has treated everyone—from defendants to attorneys to support staff—with dignity and respect, demonstrating the temperament and humility necessary in a judge. Ms. Johnson has continually exhibited a strong commitment to the rule of law, and I have complete confidence that, as a judge, she will fairly and impartially analyze any case that comes before her.

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In closing, I recommend the Committee and the Senate to vote to confirm her nomination to the federal bench at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



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