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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin Chair, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate

RE: Nomination of Joshua P. Kolar, United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Dear Senators Durbin and Grassley,

I was an attorney with the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Indiana, for thirty-two years. During my last seven years, from 2010 – 2017, I had the honor of serving as United States Attorney.

During my tenure at the United States Attorney's Office, I interviewed hundreds of attorneys seeking jobs as an Assistant United States Attorney and played a key role in the hiring decision. Many of the interviewees were from the large Chicago law firms as was Joshua Kolar.

I always asked those attorneys to tell me about their most significant case and why it was significant. All of them invariably told me about multi-million-dollar cases or cases that had attracted major media attention.

Joshua Kolar was different. Joshua told me that his most significant case was a *pro bono* case he handled in the Chicago housing court and the reason it was significant was that the result meant so much to the quality of his client's life. He was hired!

That was sixteen years ago, and Joshua has kept and applied those principles throughout his distinguished career as a federal prosecutor, a Naval Intelligence officer in Afghanistan and now as a federal magistrate judge. His interview as a young attorney speaks volumes as to his character and the type of judge he will be on the Seventh Circuit.

Sincerely,

David Capp